



# WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION

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President

**Resolution No. 201503111712**  
**WBA Championships Committee**  
*Heavyweight Division*  
*March 11, 2015*

## I. REQUEST

On February 26, 2015, on behalf of WBA Heavyweight Champion Ruslan Chagaev ("Chagaev"), Timur Dugazaev of CCC Terek ("Terek") requested the WBA grant a special permit for Chagaev to face Francesco Pianeta ("Pianeta"), in Hamburg, Germany on April 25, 2015. Chagaev won the vacant title by defeating Fres Oquendo ("Oquendo") on July 6, 2015.

The WBA provided notice of Chagaev's request to potentially interested parties, including the leading available contender, WBA ranked #4 Lucas Browne ("Browne"), WBA ranked #3 Alexander Povetkin ("Povetkin"), and Oquendo (due to his current dispute with Terek). The WBA received no comments in opposition to Chagaev's request.

## II. ANALYSIS

A. The WBA may modify the periods for mandatory defenses for good cause, either in response to a request for a Special Permit, or on its own initiative. WBA Rule C.16.

B. The WBA may modify or suspend the strict application of these rules when the WBA deems them justified in its sole discretion to accommodate special circumstances. WBA Rule C.46. Those reasons include to "engage in an optional title defense," to "engage in a bout of recognized importance and significance for the boxing world," to "extend or otherwise modify a mandatory defense period," or for any other reason the Committee and President deem just. WBA Rule C.46.a, d, and e.

C. The WBA may grant Special Permit Requests and require conditions. "The Committee and the President in their sole discretion shall consider the best interests of boxing, the purposes and policies of the Association, and such other factors that may be relevant, and shall make their best effort to balance competing interests." WBA Rule C.47.

D. Boxers and promoters are obligated to "know and be familiar with all Association rules," including those "for Special Permits." WBA Rule C.14.

E. Browne, the leading available contender of the division, was designated as Chagaev's next mandatory bout on or about February 24, 2015 by the WBA. Chagaev had already negotiated a bout with Browne subject to sanction by the WBA. In any event, Chagaev and Browne reached an agreement whereby Browne would not object to the special permit request.

### III. DECISION

A. Based upon the above-mentioned Rules, Chagaev's Special Permit Request is conditionally granted subject to compliance with the conditions in this Resolution and all other applicable WBA rules and regulations.

B. The winner of Chagaev and Pianeta (or Chagaev if a draw) shall face Browne on or before August 25, 2015.

C. If bout contracts for the winner of Chagaev/Pianeta v. Browne are not submitted to the WBA on or before May 25, 2015, a call for purse bid will be issued.

Date: March 11, 2015



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