



# WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION

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President

**Resolution No. 201704200512**  
**WBA Championships Committee**  
*Bantamweight Division*  
*April 20, 2017*

## **I. REQUEST**

On March 31, 2017, on behalf of WBA Bantamweight Champion Jamie McDonnell (“McDonnell”), Eddie Hearn of Matchroom Boxing (“Matchroom”) requested the WBA grant a special permit for McDonnell to face Paul Butler (“Butler”), in England on June 24, 2017.

The WBA provide notice of McDonnell’s request to potentially interested parties, including the leading available contender, WBA ranked #1 Yonfre Parejo (“Parejo”), WBA ranked #2 Juan Carlos Payano (“Payano”), WBA ranked #3 Raushee Warren (“Warren”), WBA ranked #4 Liborio Solis (“Solis”). The WBA received comments in opposition to McDonnell’s request from WBA #4 ranked Solis and his manager Manuel Perez Barreiro (“Barreiro”).

## **II. BACKGROUND**

On November 12, 2016, the WBA Bantamweight Champion Jamie McDonnell (“McDonnell”), faced Liborio Solis (“Solis”) in Monte Carlo, Monaco. Solis lost the bout by unanimous decision after 12 rounds in a close and controversial decision. The bout was scored 115 to 113, 116 to 112, 117 to 111. Solis immediately requested that the WBA order a direct rematch, which the WBA granted on January 31, 2017, per Resolution No. 201701310512.

## **III. ANALYSIS**

A. The WBA may modify the period for mandatory defense for good cause, either in response to a request for 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 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 interest 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.

#### IV. DECISION

- A. Based on the above-mentioned Rules, McDonnell’s Special Permit is denied and must face Solis.
- B. The parties have thirty (30) days to negotiate the term of said rematch. If a purse bid is necessary, the split will be 75% to the Champion, McDonnell, and 25% to the Challenger, Solis. In the meantime, neither boxer may participate in any other bout until after the rematch occurs.
- C. The winner of McDonnell and Solis (or McDonnell if a draw) shall face Undisputed Champion Zhanat Zhakianov on or before \_\_\_\_\_

Date: April 29, 2017



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George Martinez  
Championship Committee  
Chairman