



# WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION

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President

***Resolution No. 202308241718***  
***WBA Championships Committee***  
***Heavyweight Division***  
***August 24, 2023***

## **A. Background**

1. The current WBA Super Champion, Oleksandr Usyk, also Champion of the WBO and IBF, is scheduled for a bout on August 26, 2023 against Daniel Dubois, current WBA World Champion. If Usyk retains his title in that bout, either by victory or by draw, Dubois will have vacated his regular World Championship. Similarly, if Dubois is victorious in that bout, he likewise abandons his current regular World Championship, and becomes the Super Champion. In either case, after the bout has occurred, the regular World Championship will be vacant.

2. Mahmoud Charr, former regular World Champion of the WBA, was named as Champion in Recess on January 26, 2021 pursuant to Resolution No. 202101261702. No party filed a Request for Reconsideration of that Resolution.

3. On December 9, 2021 the WBA convened a purse bid opening for the regular World Championship title involving Charr and Trevor Bryan. For various reasons, the bout between Charr and Bryan did not take place as contemplated by the WBA.

4. The WBA Rules provide that a Recess appointment cannot “be for a period longer than the applicable defense period.” In the Heavyweight Division, that is twelve (12) months. Therefore, Charr’s period would have expired on January 26, 2022.

5. Charr lost his status as Champion in Recess, and was removed from the WBA rankings in the Heavyweight Division, effective December 31, 2021. At that time, no party filed a Request for Ratings Explanation or a Request for Reconsideration under WBA Rules Chapter F. However, through other means Charr has contested the change to his status.

6. After the Usyk-Dubois bout, pursuant to vote of the Ratings Committee, the WBA will consider Charr’s Champion in Recess status reinstated conditioned on the terms of this Resolution.

## **B. AUTHORITY**

1. “The authority to interpret” the WBA Rules lies “finally with the President.”

2. “When a Champion in Recess returns after having overcome to the satisfaction of Championships Chairman whatever obstacle that caused his inactivity, the Association may order a title bout between the Champion in Recess and the Interim Champion, if one exists, or against another boxer designated by the Committee.”

3. The Championships Committee may select a Mandatory Contender “through an eliminatory bout.” That bout “may be subject to conditions.”

## C. CONCLUSION

1. Mahmoud Charr was reinstated conditionally as Champion in Recess in the WBA Heavyweight Division on August 31, 2023.

2. If the regular World Championship become vacant, Charr is conditionally named as regular World Champion under the following conditions:

a. Charr contends for the regular Championship against the currently rated number 5 contender Jarrell Miller in a bout to occur no later than October 14, 2023;

b. Charr and Miller are subject to all requirements under the Rules, including random drug testing at any time before October 14, 2023; and,

c. The winner of the Charr-Miller bout must box the next leading available contender prescribed by the Championships Committee.

3. The Committee will provide for a bout to name a Mandatory Contender to occur no later than December 15, 2023. The Championships Committee will designate two other ranked Heavyweight boxers to engage in the Mandatory Contender eliminator bout.

4. If any of the boxers referred to in this Resolution performs an act that violates in a material way any provision of this Resolution or the WBA Rules, the President and the Committee may take appropriate action against the boxer. In such a case, however, the boxer retains the rights under the Rules to ask for a reconsideration of the decision of the Committee.

5. If the Usyk-Dubois bout does not take place as now scheduled, the Committee will amend or supersede this Resolution appropriately in order to effectuate its purposes.



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