



WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION

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Resolution No. 202309201002
WBA Championships Committee
Super Lightweight Division
Rolando Romero
September 20, 2023

I. BACKGROUND

The current Super Lightweight Champion, Rolando Romero (“Romero”) obtained the vacant title on May 13, 2023, by defeating Ismael Barroso (“Barroso”).

On May 30, 2023, the Championships Committee ordered Romero to engage in mandatory negotiation title defense against the leading available contender Ohara Davies (“Davies”).

On July 11, 2023, the Championships Committee called a purse bid for Romero-Davies title fight.

On July 22, 2023, Tom Brown on behalf of TGB Promotions informed that Romero is neither medically nor physically capable of defending his title, so he is not allowed to train for a number of months.

Romero has provided the Championships Committee with the medical report documenting his illness. The medical report has been reviewed by the Chairman of the Medical Committee, Dr. Joseph Estwanik and he has reported to the Championships Committee the following:

“With an annular tear of the disc, and known pre-existing degeneration, return to the activity should allow 2-3 months for the healing. However, with known permanent degeneration of a disc, a return to a normal disc is impossible and can affect a career based on symptoms.”

II. ANALYSIS

- A. Boxers, their representatives, and promoters are obligated to “know and be familiar with all Associations rules.” WBA Rule C.14.*
- B. The Championships Committee must balance competing interest and equities. In past, the committee has recognized injured champions allowing sufficient time to recovery. On the other hand, the mandatory contenders and the rated boxers are interest in the division movement at the championship level.*

III. DECISION

1. *Romero is now inactive and is likely to remain that way for an uncertain period of time.*
2. *Consequently, the Committee approves the following:*
 - a. *Romero will be given time to recover.*
 - b. *Romero's mandatory defense date consequently is extended, but under no circumstances shall be later than March 20, 2024.*
 - c. *Romero must provide the Championship and Medical Committee, by November 21, 2023, a certified medical report regarding his treatment, rehabilitation, and a prognosis for his recovery, including dates he would be likely to begin training and defend his Super Lightweight title. The medical report must be approved by a doctor(s) assigned, or otherwise approved by the Chairman of the WBA Medical Committee. Further similar reports may be required by the Committee.*
3. *Davies will fight Ismael Barroso, the next leading available contender for the Super Lightweight interim title, under the following conditions:*
 - a. *Their bout shall occur no later than December 16, 2023, unless the date is extended by mutual agreement.*
 - b. *Should they fail to agree on applicable terms of a title bout contract by October 06, 2023, the Committee will schedule a purse bid with split of 50% to each boxer.*
 - c. *The winner of the Davies vs. Barroso will fight Romero in 120 days of said bout.*
 - d. *The affected boxers may request later amendments to this resolution should circumstances present that warrant consideration. This resolution is subject to the provisions of the revised rules regarding request for reconsideration and appeals.*

Date: September 20, 2023



*Carlos Chavez
Championship Committee
Chairman*