



# WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION

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President

***Resolution No. 202303160112***  
***WBA Championships Committee***  
*Minimum Division*  
*Thammanoon Niyomtrong vs. Eric Rosa*  
*March 16, 2023*

## ***I. BACKGROUND***

*The WBA is shocked by the unprecedented situation that arose in Nakhon Sawan, Thailand regarding the unification title fight between the WBA Super Champion Thammanoon Niyomtrong and the WBA champion Eric Rosa, scheduled to take place in Nakhon Sawan, Thailand on March 2, 2023. The Committee has received various communications from the parties, and recently received an email from the promoter providing further detail about the issues. It is possible that both parties may share some responsibility for the Visa problem that has occurred here. Without additional evidence, the WBA can allocate precise responsibilities. As a result, the committee, pursuant to paragraph 2, letter "d" of the current Purse Bid Regulation, unfortunately considers it appropriate to cancel the Purse Bid award due to the extraordinary circumstances.*

## ***II. ANALISIS***

*After reading and analyzing all the messages received, the World Boxing Association has decided the following:*

- 1. Allowing the fight to take place under these conditions would raise issues regarding advantage of one athlete over the other.*
- 2. We recognize that the approved bout contract provided that "All visas and other government documents necessary for Boxer to participate in the Bout shall be the responsibility of the promoter". In addition, we do not have documentation of communications between the Promoter and Mr. Rosa's representatives concerning any issues regarding Mr. Rosa's ability to travel to Thailand on his Dominican passport. The recent email from the Promoter discusses this issue in part, but it is still unclear what responsibilities to settle the travel and visa issues were communicated between the parties.*

### **III. DECISION**

***Based on the above, this committee hereby orders the following:***

1. *The purse bid award is hereby cancelled and withdrawn.*
2. *The WBA will call for a new purse bid, both parties will be allowed to participate which will be open to any registered promoter who did not bid before. The WBA contracts “for the bid winner “shall be used this time. The date for a bid opening will be on an expedited schedule, as will be the period provided for bout contracts signing and the bout itself. The new purse bid would apply to the affected two boxers here, but the bout venue would have to be in a neutral location, neither Thailand nor Dominican Republic shall be the site of the fight. If no acceptable bid is either made or awarded, or, in the alternative, if no bout contracts are signed and presented to the WBA regardless of whether a purse bid occurs, appropriate actions will be taken regarding the title and rankings of the affected boxers so that the next two leading available contenders will be asked to provide a bout contract for an open tittle.*
3. *This resolution supersedes any previous resolutions.*
4. *All other issues that may arise shall be resolved by the interpretation of WBA championship rules by the committee.*

*Date: March 16, 2023*

  
Carlos Chavez  
Championship Committee  
Chairman

*Cc: Gilberto Mendoza, WBA President  
WBA Championships committee*