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Resolution No. 202301121608
WBA Championships Committee
Cruiserweight Division
January 12, 2024

I. REQUEST

On December 12, 2023, WBA Super Cruiserweight Champion Arsen Goulamirian himself, ("Goulamirian") applied to the WBA for special permission for the Goulamirian vs. Gilberto Ramirez ("Ramirez"), No. 2 rated contender, to be held on March 16, 2023, as a voluntary title defense.

The WBA provided notice of Goulamirian request to Jared Lopez ("Lopez") representing mandatory contender Yuniel Dorticos ("Dorticos") for comments. The WBA received comments in opposition to the request from Dorticos.

Dorticos's based his opposition on the previous WBA mandatory negotiation notification that identified the timeline for Dorticos to face Goulamirian as his mandatory.

II. BACKGROUND

- A. Goulamirian holds a 27-0-0 record with eighteen (18) knockouts.
- B. On March 24, 2018, Goulamirian won the WBA Interim Cruiserweight title after defeating Ryad Merhi by TKO 11 in Marseille, France. He then made five successful defenses of the title.
- C. On October 20, 2018, Goulamirian defeated Mark Flanagan by TKO 9 in Marseille, France.
- D. On November 15, 2019, Goulamirian was named the WBA Cruiserweight Super Champion after defeating Kane Watts by KO 4.
- E. On December 28, 2019, Goulamirian defended his WBA Cruiserweight Super Championship and defeated Constantin Bejenaru by TKO 9.
- F. On November 19, 2022, Goulamirian made his mandatory title defense vs. Aleksei Egorov whom he defeated by UD 12.
- G. Since then, Goulamirian has reported promotional problems with his agent, a situation that has hindered him from defending his world title for a long period of time and has prevented him from earning a living.

III. 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,” or to “extend or otherwise modify a mandatory defense period.” WBA Rule C.46.a, e and g.*

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.*

IV. DECISION

A. *Based upon the above-mentioned Rules, the WBA has express authority to modify applicable defense periods and otherwise suspend application of various rules under a special permit.*

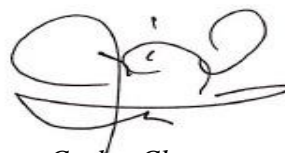
B. *Goulamirian’s Special Permit Request is conditionally granted subject to his compliance with all other WBA rules, regulations, payment of all applicable fees and the following conditions:*

C. *The winner of Goulamirian / Ramirez, or Goulamirian if a draw, must face Dorticos as a mandatory defense within 120 days of said bout.*

D. *Dorticos is authorized to fight a non-title against an opponent approved by Championships Committee.*

E. *All other issues that may arise shall be resolved by the interpretation of WBA championship rules by the committee.*

Date: January 12, 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carlos Chavez', written over a horizontal line.

Carlos Chavez
Championship Committee Chairman