



# WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION ASOCIACIÓN MUNDIAL DE BOXEO

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## **Resolution No. 202403051202** **WBA Championships Committee** *Super Welterweight Division* *Jermell Charlo – Champion in Recess* *March 05, 2024*

### **I. BACKGROUND**

*The current Super Welterweight Champion, Jermell Charlo (“Charlo”) obtained the WBA title on September 26, 2020, by defeating Jaison Rosario (“Rosario”).*

*On May 14, 2022, Charlo defeated Brian Castano (“Castano”) by KO in ten (10) rounds and became the Super Welterweight division Undisputed Champion.*

*On September 30, 2023, Charlo requested a Special Permit and moved up to the Super Middleweight division to challenge the Undisputed Super Middleweight champion Saul Alvarez (“Alvarez”). Charlo lost by unanimous decision.*

*On December 12, 2023, at the WBA convention in Orlando, Florida, USA, Tom Dallas on behalf of Matchroom Boxing and representing the WBA #1 ranked contender and mandatory challenger Israil Madrimov (“Madrimov”) requested to the Championships Committee to allowed Madrimov to fight for the WBA title as the champion hasn’t made a defense of the title since May 14, 2022 and that Madrimov had already been the certified mandatory contender winning a final eliminator.*

*On December 12, 2023, German Titov (“Titov”) representing WBA #2 world ranked contender Magomed Kurvanov (“Kurvanov”) requested that Kurvanov was ready to fight against Madrimov for the WBA title do to Charlo inactivity.*

### **II. ANALYSIS**

- A. Boxers, their representatives, and promoters are obligated to “know and be familiar with all Associations rules.” WBA Rule C.14.*
- B. When a World Champion is unable to defend his title within the prescribed time periods for justifiable medical, legal, or other reasons reasonably beyond his control, the inactive champion may be named Champion in Recess, and the Committee may select the official contenders who will fight for an Interim Title under Rules C.22-24. The*

*medical reasons must be documented to the satisfaction of the Medical Committee Chairman, who also may require separate medical examinations. Legal reasons must be documented to the satisfaction of the Legal Director and Championships Committee. In general, the status of "Champion in Recess" may not be for a period longer than the applicable defense period. WBA Rules C.22.*

- C. *The Championships Committee must balance competing interest and equities. In past, the committee has recognized inactive champions as Champion in Recess. On the other hand, the mandatory contenders and the rated boxers are interest in the division movement at the championship level.*

### **III. DECISION**

1. *Charlo is now inactive and is likely to remain that way for an uncertain period of time.*
2. *There are sufficient facts and conditions for the Committee to declare Charlo Champion in Recess, and there are rules that prevent him from remaining in such status for a period lasting longer than six (6) months. Consequently, the Committee approves the following:*
  - a. *Charlo is hereby named Champion in Recess.*
  - b. *Charlo must notify if he intends to resume his career at the Super Welterweight division or if he intend to move up in weight.*
3. *Madrimov will fight against the next leading available contender of the Super Welterweight division, Kurvanov, and shall compete for the WBA title, under the following conditions:*
  - a. *The winner of Madrimov v. Kurvanov should fight a WBA certified ranked contender.*
  - b. *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.*
4. *This resolution supersedes any previous one on this matter.*

*Date: March 05, 2024*



*Carlos Chavez  
Championship Committee  
Chairman*

