



WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION

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Resolution No. 20240620060220
WBA Female Championships Committee
World Super Bantamweight Title
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I. BACKGROUND

On June 5, 2024, The Female Championship Committee sent Mrs. Erika Cruz (“Mrs. Cruz”) a resolution with the sanctioning for testing a positive result on sample “A” for illegal substances. The first report of sample “A” was released on May 21, 2024, and reported a positive result on Stanozolol metabolites 16b-hydroxystanozolol and 3'-hydroxystanozolo. The second report of sample “A” was released on May 31, and reported a positive result on the substance of “furosemide”, an estimated concentration greater than the WADA minimum reporting level of 20mg/ml.

On June 19, 2024, The Female Championship Committee received Mrs. Cruz’s “Request for Reconsideration” to the Resolution that was adopted and transmitted on June 5, 2024. As a response to this appeal, The WBA Female Championship Committee points out:

- 1. It is not the responsibility of the WBA to have a protocol for the anti-doping testing process. It is the responsibility of the athlete and the manager to express any discrepancies while this protocol is taking its course and make any discrepancies known before, they sign the lab form.*
- 2. It is the responsibility of the WBA to enforce an anti-doping test to the athletes involved, prior to entering a Championship bout.*
- 3. The anti-doping test was conducted by a certified laboratory of WADA: World Anti-Doping Agency.*
- 4. Mrs. Cruz and her manager were notified both results from sample “A” were positive.*

II. ANALYSIS

- A. *WBA Rule C. 14 – Boxers their representatives, and promoters are obligated to “Know and be familiar with all Association rules”.*
- B. *WBA Rule C. 27 – **Title Vacation and/or Removal of Recognition.** A boxer’s titles, status of recognition may be lost, removed, or vacated for any of the following reason:*
- a. Loss in a bout (see Rule C. 15)*
 - b. Violation of Association Rules; or*
 - c. Suspension, charges, or criminal conduct alleged or found by a national, state, or provisional agency.*
- C. *WBA Rule C. 45 – No boxer who has tested positive for a banned substance can be rated, retains a title, or be permitted to participate in a sanction bout for no less than 6 months from the date of the positive test.*
- D. *WBA Rule E. 24. The WBA rules and medical guidelines adopt the prohibited substances list identified by the International Olympic Committee (“IOC”). The IOC has adopted the prohibited list published by the WADA.*
- E. *WBA Rule F.5. A boxer, or his representatives, may request that the Female Championship Committee reconsider its decision on any matter ten (10) days of said decision. (Conditions apply)*

II. DECISION

- 1. Based on the above-mentioned Rules, which Mrs. Cruz and her manager are presumed to know, the WBA has expressed authority and discretion to interpret and apply its rule and guidelines in the best interests of female boxing and the WBA.*
- 2. Due to Mrs. Cruz positive results for prohibited substances, Mrs. Cruz’s title and recognition is vacated for a period of six months from the date the WBA issued the Resolution on June 5, 2024. The vacation period is from June 5, 2024, to December 5, 2024.*
- 3. Once this period has expired on December 5, 2024, following the recommendations instated by WADA; “It is recommended the athlete requests for sample “B” to be examined within 15 days after the results for sample “A” have been reported. Sample “B” will remain in the laboratory for 180 days since the date the last report for sample “A” was released (May 31, 2024). This means, sample “B” will remain in the lab until*

November 27, 2024. The Female Championship Committee has agreed to extend the suspension for another 6 months from December 5, 2024, to June 5, 2025, if Mrs. Cruz does not abide to the corresponding resource available.

- 4. Once the suspension period is terminated, Mrs. Cruz may then apply to be reinstated into the WBA rankings following the conditions and protocols that will be established by the WBA Medical Committee and the Female Championship Committee.*
- 5. The WBA Female Championship Committee Orders Bantamweight contender ranked number one, Nazarena Romero to fight for the vacated WBA Bantamweight Championship against the next ranked opponent. This fight must take place in one hundred and twenty days (120) from the day of this resolution, before the 20th of October 2024.*
- 6. Any interested party may request reconsideration of this decision as per WBA Rule F.5.*

Date: June 24, 2024.

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