

# World Professional Boxing Federation

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## WPBF / USBC RULES AND REGULATIONS

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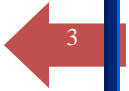
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# WPBF/USBC RULES AND REGULATION

## Article 1. General Introduction

**1.1** The World Professional Boxing Federation (WPBF) is an international governing body that sanctions professional boxing matches and awards world and subordinate championship title. Its main function are dedicated to promoting and serving the sport of professional boxing, and to implement its own fair, scientific, independent and objective computerized rankings system for the ratings of professional boxers and to establish uniform safety measures and uniform procedures for the protection of professional boxers as well as the conduct of championship matches. The World Professional Boxing Federation has its own authority to regulate, control and supervise the conduct of sanctioned matches in its own jurisdictions, throughout the Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, North America and Latin America, and implementing fairness and equal opportunities at all times, impartially, honestly and fairly to everybody, with its own juridical personality and fiscal autonomy, having jurisdiction and competence over all associated Associations and Members that are part relevant.

## Article 2. Championship Committee

**2.1** The Championship Committee shall be composed of five members, which shall include the WPBF/USBC President, Ex-Officio and four (4) members, including the Chairman of the Committee who shall be appointed by the President. The members of this Committee, upon appointment, shall hold office until their successors have been appointed. In the event that the Chairman is unavailable, the WPBF/USBC President shall have all powers and authority of the Chairman.

## Article 3. Meeting and Vote

**3.1** The Committee shall meet at the places and at such times as are designated by the WPBF/USBC President or the Chairman of the Committee. Three (3) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of matters, and for a resolution, it shall be sufficient for a majority vote to be passed by the members of the Committee present at the meeting. In the event an important decision must be made and it is not possible to hold a meeting of the Committee, the Chairman of the Committee shall be authorized to meet remotely, by teleconference or videoconference, and the Chairman may, in his discretion to request the vote of the members of the Committee by telephone, fax, or e-mail. In these events, the Chairman of the Committee shall recommend the adoption or rejection of any measure. If the Committee does not receive the vote of any member of the Committee within two (2) days, the votes not stated of the Committee shall be understood as approving the recommendation of the Chairman. The Chairman of the Committee must send a report indicating the results of voting on the particular matter to the members of the Committee. The WPBF/USBC President shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie.

## Article 4. Weight Divisions

4.1 The Championships shall be recognized in the following 17 weight divisions:

Weight Division	Maximum Weight
Heavyweight	Over 200 Lb. (90.71 Kg)
Cruiserweight	Not over 200 Lb. (90.71 Kg)
Light Heavyweight	Not over 175 Lb. (79.38 Kg)
Super Middleweight	Not over 168 Lb. (76.20 Kg)
Middleweight	Not over 160 Lb. (72.57 Kg)
Super Welterweight	Not over 154 Lb. (69.85 Kg)
Welterweight	Not over 147 Lb. (66.68 Kg)
Super Lightweight	Not over 140 Lb. (63.50 Kg)
Lightweight	Not over 135 Lb. (61.23 Kg)
Super Featherweight	Not over 130 Lb. (58.97 Kg)
Featherweight	Not over 126 Lb. (57.15 Kg)
Super Bantamweight	Not over 122 Lb. (55.34 Kg)
Bantamweight	Not over 118 Lb. (53.52 Kg)
Super Flyweight	Not over 115 Lb. (52.16 Kg)
Flyweight	Not over 112 Lb. (50.80 Kg)
Light Flyweight	Not over 108 Lb. (48.99 Kg)
Minimumweight	Not over 105 Lb. (47.62 Kg)

## Article 5. Weight and Weigh-In Ceremony

**5.1 Timing of Initial Weigh-In.** The official weigh-in shall be no less than twenty (20) nor more than twenty four (24) hours before the scheduled start time of the bout. The scales to be used at the official weigh-in must be available to both boxers at least two (2) hours prior to the official weigh-in.

**5.2 Weight Determines the Championship.** If either or both contestants fail to make the prescribed weight at the prearranged time for the official weigh-in, either or both of them shall have two (2) additional hours to make the prescribed weight.

**5.3 Champion's Failure to Make Weight.** If a Champion fails to make the prescribed weight, after the two (2) additional hours, the title shall be forfeited on the scale, but the bout may still continue take place as a twelve (12) rounds fight for the vacant title. If the Challenger having made the prescribed weight and wins the bout, the Challenger shall be declared the winner of the vacant title, but if the overweight champion wins the bout, the title shall remain vacant.

**5.4 Challenger's Failure to Make Weight.** If the Champion makes the prescribed weight and the Challenger fail to do so, the Champion shall retain the title, whether wins or loses the bout.

**5.5 Failure to Make Weight for Vacant Title or Elimination Bout.** If a contestant fail to make the prescribed weight in a fight for a vacant title or elimination bout, the bout may continue take place as a vacant title or elimination bout at the discretion of the WPBF/USBC supervisor. If a contestant who makes the weight defeats another contestant who did not make the weight,

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he shall be declared the winner of the vacant title or the elimination bout.

- 5.6 Both Boxers Failure to Make Weight.** If both the contestants fail to make the prescribed weight in a fight for a vacant title or elimination bout, the sanction of the bout will be withdrawn.
- 5.7 Weigh-ins For Postponement.** If a sanctioned bout is postponed more than 48 hours, a new weigh-in shall be necessary.

## Article 6. Defense of Title

### A. Heavyweight Division

- 6.1 Mandatory Defense Periods.** Due to circumstances inherent in and particular to the promotion of major Heavyweight Championship contest, the Heavyweight Champion must defend his title within a period of no more than twelve (12) months, counting from the date of the acquisition of the title or from the last compulsory defense, against the Leading Available Contender as designated by the Championship Committee, in accordance with the current WPBF's Computerized Rankings.
- 6.2 Mandatory Defense Periods For Vacant Title.** When a contender obtains the champion title in a fight for a vacant title. The winner of the vacant title must defend his title within a period of no more than nine (9) months, counting from the date of the acquisition of the title, against the Leading Available Contender as designated by the Championship Committee, in accordance with the current WPBF's Computerized Rankings.
- 6.3 Mandatory Defense Periods For New Champion.** For Heavyweight division, if a Heavyweight Champion loses his title against an opponent other than the Leading Available Contender in the Heavyweight Division, the new Heavyweight Champion must defend his title within a period of no more than nine (9) months, counting from the date of the acquisition of the title, against the Leading Available Contender as designated by the Championships Committee. From then on, the new Heavyweight Champion must defend his title within a period of no more than twelve (12) months.

### B. All Other Weight Divisions

- 6.4 Mandatory Defense Periods.** Each Champion so recognized by the WPBF/USBC in his respective weight division from Minimumweight to Cruiserweight, must defend his title within a period of no more than nine (9) months, counting from the date of the acquisition of the title or from the last compulsory defense, against the Leading Available Contender as designated by the Championship Committee, in accordance with the current WPBF's Computerized Rankings.
- 6.5 Mandatory Defense Periods For Vacant Title.** When a contender obtains the champion title in a fight for a vacant title. The winner of the vacant title must defend his title within a period of no more than six (6) months, counting from the date of the acquisition of the title, against

the Leading Available Contender as designated by the Championship Committee, in accordance with the current WPBF's Computerized Rankings.

- 6.6 Mandatory Defense Periods For New Champion.** For all other weight divisions, if a Champion loses his title against an opponent other than the Leading Available Contender in his respective weight division, the new Champion must defend his title within a period of no more than six (6) months, counting from the date of the acquisition of the title, against the Leading Available Contender as designated by the Championships Committee. From then on, the new Champion must defend his title within a period of no more than nine (9) months.
- 6.7 Voluntary Defense.** In the interim period of the mandatory defense, each Champion may engage in a voluntary defense of his title against any contender rated in his weight division in the current WPBF's Computerized Rankings, and subject to the prior approval of the Championships Committee and the President.
- 6.8 Time Limitations.** Within a period of sixty (60) days prior to the date of the mandatory defense, no Champion shall sign a Contract for the defense of his title, nor defend his title against an opponent other than the Leading Available Contender, unless the prior approved by the Championship Committee and the President.
- 6.9 Notice of Mandatory Defense.** The Championship Committee shall notify each Champion sixty (60) days prior to the date of the mandatory defense to defend his title against the Leading Available Contender as designated by the WPBF/USBC President and the Championship Committee. The Champion and the Mandatory Challenger shall attempt in good faith to reach an agreement within the first thirty (30) days of the sixty (60) days mentioned herein.
- a) **Champion.** If a recognized Champion fails to comply with his mandatory obligation to defend his title within the time periods provided in these Regulations, without justifiable cause, the WPBF/USBC may suspend or withdraw recognition of a boxer as champion, and the title shall be declared vacant, at the WPBF/USBC's sole and absolute discretion.
  - b) **Challenger.** If a Challenger fails to comply with these Regulations, he shall be considered in violation of these Regulations, and he shall lose his status of challenger, and shall be removed from the WPBF's ratings for a minimum period for six (6) months, and the Championship Committee shall select the next Leading Available Contender as the Mandatory Challenger to commence negotiations with the Champion.

## Article 7. Leading Available Contender

- 7.1** For the purpose of championship contests and title defenses by recognized Champions as defined in these Regulations, the Leading Available Contender shall be selected from the list of top 100 highest ranked boxers in the WPBF's Computerized Rankings and determined by the WPBF/USBC President and the Championship Committee.

7.2 In order to eligible to fight for any championship titles, any of boxers must be meet the following eligibility criteria:

**For World Title:** Top 1-35 highest ranked boxers;

**For Inter-Continental Title:** Top 50 ranked boxers;

**For International Title:** Top 100 ranked boxers;

**For USBC Title:** U.S. Top 50 ranked boxers;

**For Regional Title:** Top 50 ranked boxers from each continent.

**For other titles:** Any quality boxers can be approved at the WPBF / USBC's sole and absolute discretion.

## Article 8. Failure of Champion to Fulfill Contract and Rules

8.1 If a recognized Champion fail to fulfill on schedule his contractual obligation to engage in the mandatory defense of his title, without sufficient reason and valid medical certificate, the Championship Committee shall recommend to the President and the Executive Committee to withdraw its recognition as Champion, and the title shall be declared Vacant.

8.2 If a Champion unable to defend his title within the time periods provided in these Regulations, because justifiably disabled or any other certified medical reason and such disability has been verified and accepted by the Championship Committee, the Champion may be granted a medical extension not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days beyond the date of his mandatory defense.

8.3 Under such situation, the WPBF/USBC President may order an Interim Championship Bout, if it is determined by the physician that the Champion is not likely to recover within a period of one hundred eighty (180) days beyond the date of his mandatory defense. In this case, the Championship Committee with the approval of the President shall select the two Leading Available Contenders to fight for the "Interim Championship Bout".

8.4 The Interim Champion shall become the Mandatory Challenger in the mandatory defense. When a Champion returned within the maximum medical extension of one hundred eighty (180) days, the Champion must defend his title against the Interim Champion. In this case, the Champion refuses to defend his title against the Interim Champion, and then the Interim Champion shall become the newly Champion, if both the Champion and the Interim Champion refuses to fight, both the Champions shall lose their respective titles, and the titles shall be declared Vacant.

8.5 If the Champion is unable to defend his title against the Interim Champion by the end of the maximum medical extension of one hundred eighty (180) days, the Champion will automatically lose his recognition as Champion and then the Interim Champion shall become the newly Champion.

## Article 9. Unsanctioned Championship or Non-Championship Bout



- 9.1** An Unsanctioned Championship is a fight which the WPBF/USBC has not formally approved for sanction or where sanction has been officially withdrawn. In the event that a Champion participates in an Unsanctioned WPBF/USBC Championship bout or fight for the title of another boxing organization, without the prior authorization of the WPBF/USBC President, and loses the bout, the Champion will automatically lose his recognition as Champion, and the title shall be declared vacant.
- 9.2** In the event that a Champion defended his title within the time periods provided in these Regulations, without the prior authorization of the WPBF/USBC President, whether wins or loses the bout, the Champion will automatically lose his recognition as Champion, and the title shall be declared vacant.
- 9.3** Nothing in these Regulations shall be considered to prohibit a Champion from engaging in a non-title 10 or 12 rounds bout or a non-title bout in different weight, without the prior authorization of the WPBF/USBC President with the sanction fees are applicable, and the loss of any non-title bout shall subject the title to be declared vacant, at the WPBF/USBC 's sole and absolute discretion.

## Article 10. Procedure When Title Is Declared Vacant

- 10.1** A Champion may be lost his recognition as Champion, because of breach of contract for a Championship bout, or inability to fight within the time periods provided in these Regulations, or fails to make the prescribed weight, or for any other reason provided in these Regulations, but a Championship can only be obtained as a result of a bout authorized by the Championship Committee.
- 10.2** In the event that a Championship is declared vacant, the two Leading Available Contenders as determined by the Championship Committee with the approval of the WPBF/USBC President, shall be granted a period of not more than thirty (30) days to negotiate a contract for the Vacant Title or Interim Title.
- 10.3** In the event that the two Contenders fails to negotiate a contract within the thirty (30) day negotiation period, the WPBF/USBC President may call the Purse Bid for that Vacant Title or Interim Title or Elimination bouts, within ten (10) days of the end of the negotiation period.
- 10.4** If two Contenders have contracted to fight for the Vacant Title, and one is injured prior to the date of the scheduled bout, and another Contender may commence negotiations with the next Leading Available Contender to fight for the Vacant Title.

## Article 11. Draw Decision

- 11.1** If a Championship bout is declared a draw or a no contest or if for any reason both Contenders in a Championship bout simultaneously cannot continue, or if for any reason not under command of the Contenders, the bout ends prematurely while both Contenders are still continues, in the judgment of the Referee, the Champion shall retain the

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Championship title.

## Article 12. Rematch

**12.1** If a championship bout ends in a tie or extremely close and one of the contenders is awarded a close controversial decision, the Championships Committee, in its discretion, may recommend to the WPBF/USBC President that the two contenders to engage in a rematch for the Championship within a specified time period to be set by the WPBF/USBC President.

## Article 13. Disqualification

**13.1** In case of any violation of these rules and regulations, the WPBF/USBC reserves the right at its sole and absolute discretion, to suspend or disqualify and withdraw recognition from any champion or contestants.

- a) **Champion.** If the Champion is disqualified during or immediately after a bout, for whatever reason, the decision shall be awarded to the Challenger provided the Challenger has not violated any rule herein.
- b) **Challenger.** When disqualification of a Challenger has occurred during or immediately after a bout, for whatever reason, the Champion shall retain his title provided that the Champion has not violated any rule herein.
- c) **Winner After The Bout.** For the vacant title, if disqualification of the winner occurs as a result of a positive drug test or suspended by the local commission or any other violation of the WPBF/USBC rules after the bout has been completed, the title shall be declared vacant.

## Article 14. Return Bouts

**14.1** The WPBF/USBC discourages direct return bout contracts. No contract for a Championship bout shall contain any clause or any provision, whatsoever, guaranteeing or in any way assuring or promising either contender a return Championship bout where such clause or provision interferes with the mandatory defense of a title.

## Article 15. Purse Bid Procedures

**15.1** **Call For Purse Bid.** If the Champion and the Mandatory Challenger fail to reach an agreement during the thirty (30) day negotiation period, or if one of the parties (Champion or Challenger) states his unwillingness to participate in negotiations, or requests a Purse Bid to take place immediately or before the thirty (30) day negotiation period ends.

**15.2** **Notification of Purse Bid.** The WPBF/USBC President shall notify each registered promoter that a purse bid shall be held. The notification of the purse bid shall include names of boxers, weight class, and the place and the deadline date for bids to be accepted.

The place and date set for the purse bid shall be set at least 10 days after notification has been given. Once notification for Purse Bid has been issued, the Purse Bid shall not be cancelled except for extraordinary reasons.

- 15.3 Promoter's Obligation.** Only Registered Promoters with good standing may be participate in a purse bid, all of the promoter's annual registration fees must be paid to the treasury at least 30 days prior to notification of the purse bid, and shall pay a non-refundable Service Fee of \$1,000.00 to participate in a Purse Bid.
- 15.4 Form of Purse Bid.** To ensure the integrity of the purse bid process, all proposals shall be submitted in person by the promoter or promoter's representative, by registered or certified mail or by express service such as DHL, FedEx, etc. All bids shall be kept confidential until the opening of bids.
- 15.5 Contents of Purse Bid.** In order to standardize the bidding procedure, each qualified promoters should submit the following to participate in the purse bid:

**Envelope NO.1 - Documents**

- a) Certified check or bank draft in the name of the WPBF/USBC or cash money in U.S. Dollars for the amount of \$1,000.00 to cover the Promoter's Purse Bid Service Fee. This amount shall not be reimbursed.
- b) Receipt (or copy of same) of annual registration fee as Promoter of the WPBF/USBC.
- c) A Letter of Authorization in case the qualified bidder cannot attend the bid and sends a authorized representative in his stead.
- d) The Promoter who does not comply with the above requirements shall be automatically disqualified and cannot participate in the Purse Bid. The WPBF/USBC shall return to the disqualified Promoter all the monies submitted as Purse Bid Service Fee and shall also return Envelope No.2 which shall not be opened.

**Envelope NO.2 –Bid Offer**

- a) A written bid indicate the total purse offered to the Champion and the Challenger, which sum will be net, with no deduction whatsoever.
  - b) Include bank draft in the name of the WPBF/USBC, cash or legal tender in U.S. Dollars for the equivalent of ten percent (10%) of the total purse bid.
  - c) Indicate the places (Cities and/or countries) where the Championship could be held, and shall not be more than three (3) potential places.
  - d) Indicate the date the bout shall take place, which should not less than forty-five (45) days and not more than ninety (90) days after the successful bid has been determined, unless the interested parties agree to hold the bout before the minimum term.
- 15.6 Minimum Purse Bids.** With regard to the Minimum Purse Bids, the following minimum amount shall be hereby established for Purse Bids:

Weight Divisions	Minimum Purse Bids
Strawweight(105Lbs) to Flyweight (112Lbs)	\$ 25,000
Jr.Bantamweight (115Lbs) to Jr.Featherweight (122Lbs)	\$50,000
Featherweight (126Lbs) to Super Lightweight (140Lbs)	\$75,000
Welterweight (147Lbs) to Middleweight (160Lbs)	\$100,000
Super Middleweight (168Lbs) to Cruiserweight (190Lbs)	\$150,000
Heavyweight (+200Lbs)	\$200,000

- 15.7 Winning Bidder.** The qualified promoters submitting the highest bid shall be awarded the promotional rights. The Promoter's Bid Guarantee Deposit shall be refunded to the Promoter after the bout takes place and all bout obligations has been fulfilled, less any sanction fees, belt costs or other expenses.
- 15.8 Non-Transfer.** The winning promoter who has been granted the promotional rights of a Championship bout, an Interim Championship or an Elimination bout through a bidding process, may not sell or in any way transfer his rights to third parties, without the prior approval of the WPBF/USBC President.
- 15.9 Purse Offer Contracts.** The winning promoter must be submit to the Championship Committee a copy of the contracts for the bout signed by both boxers, but not more than twenty (20) days after the successful bid has been determined. This contract shall contain the amount of the purse, site, date and the location of the bout and provide for reasonable cooperation of the contestants to promote the bout.
- 15.10 Timing of a Bout.** The bout shall be scheduled to take place not earlier than forty-five (45) days and not later than ninety (90) days from the opening date of the Purse Bid, unless a different date is agreed by interested parties with approved by the Championship Committee.
- 15.11 Failure to Promote a Bout.** If a winning promoter fails to comply with the Purse Bid commitment to promote the bout within the time periods provided in these Rules, without a justified cause, the promotional rights of winning promoter will be automatically revoked and the Promoter's Purse Bid Deposit shall be forfeit. The promotional rights may be granted to the second highest bidder at the original purse bid, and/or the President may proceed to call a new Purse Bid.
- 15.12 Distribution of Purse Bid Deposit.** In the event the winning promoter fails to fulfill any of the obligations, without a justified cause, and the Championship Committee declares a default by the winning promoter, the Promoter's Purse Bid Deposit (10% of the total purse bid) shall be forfeit and it shall be distributed as follows:
- a) 75% to the Champion and 25% to the Challenger.
  - b) 50% to each Contender in the case of vacant titles or elimination bouts.
  - c) 65% to the Champion and 35% to the Interim Champion, in the event of such a bout.
- 15.13 Failure of Champion to Sign Contract.** If a champion or his manager does not sign a

bout contract with the winning promoter within the twenty (20) day period after the bid award, or refuses to participate in the bout promoted by the winning promoter, he shall be considered in violation of these Rules, and to withdrawing recognition of the champion, and the title shall be declared Vacant.

**15.14 Failure of Challenger to Sign Contract.** If a challenger/boxer or his manager does not sign a bout contract with the winning promoter within the twenty (20) day period after the bid award, or refuses to participate in the bout promoted by the winning promoter, he shall be considered in violation of these Rules, and he shall lose his status of challenger, and shall be removed from the WPBF ratings for a minimum period for one (1) year.

**15.15 Failed Bid.** No bid shall be submitted after the opening of bids. If no bid is received at the first scheduled purse bid, or if the winning promoter or a contender fails to fulfill any of the obligations, without a justified cause, the President may proceed to call a second purse bid. In the case of a title defense, if no one qualified bid is received at the second purse bid, the title shall be declared Vacant.

**15.16 Disbursement of Bid Proceeds.** The NET purse offer (after deduction of the WPBF/USBC sanction fees and belt fees) shall be distributed as follows:

**1. For Championship Between Current Champion and Challenger**

- a) For title bout to be held in the country of origin, residence or nationality of the Champion, the Champion shall receive seventy-five percent (75%) of the total purse bid and the challenger shall receive twenty-five percent (25%).
- b) For title bout to be held in the neutral country, the Champion shall receive eighty percent (80%) of the total purse bid and the challenger shall receive twenty percent (25%).

**2. For Bout Between Champion and Interim Champion**

- a) If the bout between the Champion and the Interim Champion cannot be negotiated, a purse offer shall be called. The Champion shall receive fifty-five percent (55%) of the total purse bid and the interim Champion shall receive forty-five percent (45%).

**3. For a Vacant Title or Elimination Bout**

- a) For a vacant title or elimination bout to be held in the country of origin, residence or nationality of one of the contender, he shall receive forty percent (40%) of the total purse bid and his opponent shall receive sixty percent (60%).
- b) If the bout to be held in the neutral country or if the both contenders are from the same country of origin, residence or nationality, each contender will receive fifty percent (50%) of the total purse bid.

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## Article 16. Sanction Procedure for the Championships

In order that a championship or an elimination bout to gets an officially written approval from the WPBF, the Promoter must comply with the following requirements:

- 16.1 Submission of Written Request.** A Formal Written Request (WPBF&USBC Championship Application Form) must be submit to the WPBF/USBC, but no later than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of the bout.
- 16.2 Sanction Fees.** The sanction fees for any WPBF/USBC sanctioned championship contest should be in accordance with the WPBF/USBC Sanction Fees Schedule at Appendix A.
- 16.3 Submission of Contracts.** The Registered Promoter must be submit to the WPBF/USBC a copy of the signed contracts between the promoter and boxers for Championship bout, but no later than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of the bout. This contract shall contain the amount of the purse, site, date and the location of the bout and provide for reasonable cooperation of the contestants to promote the bout. Failure to comply with this rule shall result in the withdrawal of sanction for the proposed championship bout.
- 16.4 Payment of Sanction Fees.** The Registered Promoter has been granted a sanction for the proposed championship bout, the promoter is responsible to pay for the entire sanction fees and the championship belt fees, pursuant to Appendix A, and deducting the sanction fees from the boxer's purses. The payment of the entire sanction fees and the championship belt must be paid no later than twenty (20) days prior to the scheduled date of the bout. Failure to comply with this rule shall result in the withdrawal of sanction for the proposed championship bout.
- 16.5 Written Approval of WPBF/USBC Championships.** Upon the completion of the above-mentioned terms, the promoter of the event shall receive a Certificate of Sanction signed by the WPBF/USBC President for the proposed championship bout or elimination bout. Whatever the reason, no bout shall be considered as officially sanctioned by the WPBF/USBC, if the promoter does not have such a valid WPBF/USBC Certificate of Sanction with accompanied by an official WPBF/USBC Championship Belt, as well as the official sanction details does not appear on the WPBF/USBC Official website [www.wpbf-usbc.com](http://www.wpbf-usbc.com). Any E-mail or other form of approval shall not be considered as officially sanctioned by the WPBF/USBC for any proposed championship bout.
- 16.6 Waiver.** Any or all of the above-mentioned terms may be waived by the WPBF/USBC at its sole and absolute discretion. A waiver with regard to one contest shall not be deemed a waiver of such requirements for any subsequent contest.
- 16.7 Non-refundable Payment.** In the event of a sanctioned bout results in a No Contest, Draw Decision or an Overweight Bout, all sanctioning fees are due and non-refundable, regardless of whether a Championship is awarded.
- 16.8 Time Limitation of Sanctioned Bout.** In case of a title bout has sanctioned by the

WPBF/USBC, and then the bout not held within the scheduled date, whatever the reason, the Championship Committee may granted a extension of no more than sixty (60) days, if the promoter fail to promote the bout within a extension of sixty (60) days, the promotional rights of sanctioned bout will automatically withdrawn and the promoter's sanction fees will be forfeited and non-refundable.

## Article 17. Supervisor

**17.1** Any attendee appointed by the WPBF/USBC President to attend any sanctioned championship contests will be an official capacity. The WPBF/USBC President shall attend or he shall appoint not exceed two (2) Supervisor(s) to represent the WPBF and its president to attend any sanctioned championship and elimination bout. The duties of the Supervisor shall be to assist the local commission to perform the bout and to ensure that all the rules and regulations of the WPBF/USBC championship are complied, and the supervisor is empowered to resolve all matters which arises as unforeseen circumstances requiring immediate solution. The Supervisor's decision in these unforeseen circumstances is final. The Supervisor has the authority to perform the following activities and duties:

- 1) Meet with the local commission;
- 2) Supervise the weigh-ins to confirm weights;
- 3) Supervise the medical examination by the local commission;
- 4) Approve the weight and quality of boxing gloves;
- 5) Collect license fees and officials payment;
- 6) Represent the WPBF/USBC at the rules meeting;
- 7) Meet with the Ring Officials;
- 8) Maintain control over the scorecards of the judges;
- 9) Awarded a WPBF/USBC Championship Belt for the winner;
- 10) Oversees a drug testing after the bout;
- 11) Prepare the supervisor's report to the president.

## Article 18. Appointment of WPBF/USBC Ring Officials.

**18.1** The WPBF/USBC Ring Officials Committee shall keep an updated list of qualified ring officials (Referees and Judges) for the purposes of appointments. The WPBF/USBC President shall appoint the Referees and Judges in an impartial manner and according to availability for any sanctioned championship contest, which shall be One (1) Non-Scoring Referee who shall not keep score and Three (3) Scoring Judges. No official who is not a registered WPBF/USBC member and who has not been designated by the WPBF/USBC President shall not be eligible to act as an official in any sanctioned championship contest. No promoter shall be required to pay the fees to a referee or judge who is not a registered WPBF/USBC member.

## Article 19. Travel of WPBF/USBC Officials.

**19.1** The Supervisor, Referees and Judges must be present at the place where the sanctioned championship contest will take place three (3) days prior to the scheduled date of the bout,



except under extraordinary circumstances. The promoter is responsible to provide Business Class round-trip ticket as well as meals and first-class hotel accommodation, ground transportation and other incidental expenses for the WPBF/USBC Supervisor(s), and the Economy Class round-trip ticket for the WPBF/USBC Ring Officials.

#### Article 20. Compensation of WPBF/USBC Officials.

- 20.1** The supervisor and ring officials shall be compensated by the promoter for their time and cooperation, pursuant to Appendix A. All specified compensation shall be distributed by the WPBF/USBC Supervisor or the local boxing commission to the ring officials after the ends of the bout. No supervisors or ring officials may request to collect any other remuneration, under penalty of suspension or cancellation of his license.

#### Article 21. Physical Examination for WPBF/USBC Ring Officials.

- 21.1** In order to ensure the judges and referees are physically fit to officiate in any sanctioned championship contest, all judges and referees must pass a physical examination by the physician of the local commission, after the weigh-in ceremony, which include: a) Blood pressure testing; b) Heart rate testing; c) Reflexes testing; d) Ophthalmological testing; e) Neurological testing; f) Psychological testing.

#### Article 22. Formal Attire of WPBF/USBC Ring Officials.

- 22.1** All Referees in a championship bout must wear the uniform consisting of light blue button shirt (long or short sleeved), black bow tie, black or dark blue trousers, black boxing shoes, rubber or latex gloves and the WPBF/USBC logo patch. The Referee will not wear any rings, glasses, necklace or any other metallic accessory while on the ring. All Judges shall wear the uniform consisting of a black suit, light blue button shirt (long or short sleeved), black bow tie, black boxing shoes and the WPBF/USBC logo patch, the WPBF/USBC supervisor may allow more casual dress for weather conditions, especially for winter.

#### Article 23. Presentation of the WPBF/USBC Championship Belt.

- 23.1** The WPBF/USBC shall adopt a Championship Belt as a symbol for the Champion in each recognized weight divisions. The promoter of the event must pay for the purchase of a Championship Belt. The WPBF/USBC champion must wear his champion belts when entering into the ring to defend his title. Prior to the bout, the referee shall take possession of the WPBF/USBC Championship belt and present it to the WPBF/USBC supervisor in charge. At the end of the bout, after the announcement of the result by the ring announcer, the WPBF/USBC supervisor and a representative of the local commission shall award the championship belt to the winner. The WPBF/USBC supervisor and local commissioner shall escort the flag entry into the ring while national anthems are played.

#### Article 24. Promoter's Obligations and Duties



**24.1** All promoter who are registered with the WPBF/USBC and paid an Annual Registration Fee, shall have the right to promote any WPBF/USBC recognized championship or elimination bout or participate in the Purse Bids and any other related activity. The Promoter's Annual Registration Fee is US\$500.00 if paid before January 31 of each year and US\$800.00 if paid after January 31 of each year. It may be waived by the WPBF/USBC president at his sole discretion. A membership is not transferable. In order to any championship bout or an elimination bout to be officially recognized and sanctioned by the WPBF/USBC, the promoter of event must fulfill the following duties and obligations:

- a) Promoter must strictly comply with the Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Ethics, the Rules and Regulations and the General Rules for governing championship contests, adopted by the WPBF/USBC;
- b) Promoter must pay the entire sanction fees and the championship belt fees and deducting the sanction fees from the boxer's purses, in accordance with the current WPBF/USBC Sanction Fees Schedule;
- c) Promoter must ensure and provide Business Class round-trip ticket as well as meals and first-class hotel accommodation, ground transportation and other incidental expenses for the Supervisor, and Economy Class round-trip ticket for the Ring Officials;
- d) Promoter must pay a specified compensation to designated WPBF/USBC supervisor, referees and judges for their time and cooperation, in accordance with the current WPBF/USBC Sanction Fees Schedule;
- e) Promoter shall be responsible to ensure the life safety of all supervisor and ring officials, while they are working at the country where the fight will be held;
- f) Promoter must ensure the WPBF/USBC's name and its logo will be printed on all the promotional advertisements, posters, programs and all pre-fight press conference;
- g) Promoter shall be responsible to ensure that the sanctioned championship contest to be prior recognized and approved by the national, state or local boxing commission.
- h) Promoter shall be responsible for a pre-bout physical examination and the post-bout Anti-Doping test as required by the WPBF/USBC and the local boxing commission at the promoter's expense.

## Article 25. Release and Waiver of Liability

**25.1 Description of Nature.** All Parties expressly understands and acknowledge that the WPBF or USBC is a sanctioning body of professional boxing that does not arrange, promote, organize or produce for any WPBF or USBC sanctioned championship contests, it merely establish and promulgate monthly official world ratings, the relevant guidelines and the rules and regulations governing the championship contests, and grant the use of its name and logo and awards the championship belt.

**25.2 Assumption of Risk.** All Parties fully recognizes and acknowledges the inherent risks involved with the contests of professional boxing, the Parties further expressly understands by participating in any WPBF or USBC sanctioned championship contests, that the Parties is engaging in an abnormally dangerous activity. The Party's participation may suffer a risk of severe injury, damage or death. All Parties, with full knowledge of this risk, nonetheless,

the Parties freely and voluntarily agree to participate in any WPBF or USBC sanctioned championship contests and the Parties hereby freely and voluntarily agree to assume all risk of any personal injury, damage or death and agree to hold WPBF or USBC and its owners, officers, directors, employees and agents harmless from any personal, damages or losses resulting from participation in any WPBF or USBC sanctioned championship contests.

**25.3 Waiver of Claims & Indemnification.** All Parties expressly understands and acknowledge that the WPBF and USBC shall assume no responsibility or liability for any personal injuries, damage, death, damages, financial losses or other damages or losses that may result from any WPBF or USBC sanctioned championship contests.

**A)** All Parties freely and voluntarily agree to participating in any WPBF or USBC sanctioned championship contests and agree to waive and relinquish any and all claims, actions, suits, damages and liabilities of any kind or nature that the Parties or Party's heirs, executors, administrators or assignees may have, or claim to have, against the WPBF or USBC and its owners, officers, directors, employees and agents, and to release them from any and all liability for loss, damage, expense or injury including death that the Parties may suffer as a result of Party's participation in any WPBF or USBC sanctioned championship contests.

**B)** All Parties hereby also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the WPBF and USBC, its owners, officers, directors, employees and agents from and against any and all liability, claims, charges, damages, demands, expenses, fees, fines, penalties, losses, suits, proceedings, actions and costs thereof (including attorneys fees and court costs for all actions and appeals therefrom), judgments, injuries, damages or liabilities in law or in equity, of any kind and nature, resulting from any personal injury, damages or death, and any other loss, and resulting claims or actions, arising from Party's participation in any WPBF or USBC sanctioned championship contests.

Article 26. Amendments

**26.1** These Rules and Regulations may be amended by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. The proposal for amendment shall be submitted to the voting members of the Executive Committee at an annual convention.

Appendix-A. WPBF/USBC Sanctioning Fees Schedule

**All fees below are established in conjunction with all championship contests sanctioned by the WPBF/USBC, all fees are subject to change without notice. (U.S. Dollar). Any belt will incur additional Shipping and Handling Costs \$100, in addition to the belt fee.**

**WORLD TITLE:**

Sanction Fee.....	\$3,000
WPBF Supervisor Stipend.....	\$500
Referee.....	\$700

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Judges.....	\$600 Each
Belt Fee.....	\$750

**WOMEN's WORLD TITLE:**

Sanction Fee.....	\$2,000
WPBF Supervisor Stipend.....	\$500
Referee.....	\$500
Judges.....	\$400 Each
Belt Fee.....	\$750

**INTERCONTINENTAL TITLE:**

Sanction Fee.....	\$2,000
WPBF Supervisor Stipend.....	\$400
Referee.....	\$400
Judges.....	\$300 Each
Belt Fee.....	\$750

**INTERNATIONAL TITLE:**

Sanction Fee.....	\$1,500
WPBF Supervisor Stipend.....	\$400
Referee.....	\$400
Judges.....	\$300 Each
Belt Fee.....	\$750

**U.S.B.C. TITLE:**

Sanction Fee.....	\$1,000
WPBF Supervisor Stipend.....	\$300
Referee.....	\$300
Judges.....	\$200 Each
Belt Fee.....	\$750

**YOUTH WORLD TITLE:**

Sanction Fee.....	\$850
WPBF Supervisor Stipend.....	\$300
Referee.....	\$300
Judges.....	\$200 Each
Belt Fee.....	\$650

**CONTINENTAL TITLES (AFRICA, ASIA-PACIFIC, AMERICAS, EUROPE TITLES):**

Sanction Fee.....	\$850.00
WPBF Supervisor Stipend.....	\$300
Referee.....	\$200
Judges.....	\$100 Each
Belt Fee.....	\$650

## **Appendix-B. ANTI-DOPING POLICY**

The WPBF/USBC does not condone, or permit the use of any drug by any of its participants, unless they are used in any legitimate medical circumstance. The following Drug Testing Policy of the WPBF/USBC, may be used, where applicable, in conjunction with any sanctioned Championship contests.

- A. The WPBF/USBC reserves the right to use either its own drug testing policy, or the drug testing procedure of the local commission.
- B. Notwithstanding the following, the WPBF/USBC or the local commission medical advisor may at his/her discretion, require any boxers to submit to any drug or anti-doping test as dictated by the circumstances.
- C. The WPBF/USBC may require a boxer to submit a urine, or other sample, for testing of the following drugs:
  - 1. Amphetamines. 2. Methadone. 3.Barbiturates. 4. Benzodiazepines. 5.Glutethimide. 6.Marijuana
  - 7.Meperidine. 8.Chlorpromazine. 9.Tetrahydrocannabinol. 10.Propoxyphene.11.Codeine.
  - 12.Anabolic. 13.Steroids. 14. Quinine. 15. Cocaine. 16. Morphine
- D. The collection of the samples shall be in accordance with the instructions for the chain of custody supplied with the drug testing kits.
- E. There shall be WPBF/USBC or local commission member (or someone working for the WPBF/USBC or local commission – such as a Dressing Room Inspector or Corner Inspector) maintaining visual contact with the boxer to be tested from immediately following the match, until the sample is collected.
- F. The boxer is not permitted to eat or drink anything except pure water and an electrolyte replenishment approved by the WPBF/USBC.
- G. All information requested on the forms accompanying the sample kit shall be filled out, including any initials or signatures.
- H. The samples and accompanying paperwork shall be presented to the Medical Examiner, who shall deliver, or have delivered, to the appropriate testing lab in accordance with the chain of custody directions.
- I. In the event that the WPBF/USBC and the local commission use different drug testing criteria, the WPBF/USBC in consultation with the local commission, may adopt the local commission's policy.
- J. **PENALTIES FOR POSITIVE DRUG TESTS:**
  - A. First time offence: Minimum Six (6) months suspension
  - B. Second time offence: Minimum One (1) year suspension
  - C. Third time offence: shall be disqualified

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- D. Completion of a drug counseling program may also be a condition of license reinstatement.
  - E. Where the winner of the Championship contest tests positive for drugs, the title shall be declared vacant, and the contest declared a “No Contest”.
  - F. Where the loser of a Championship contest tests positive for drugs, the decision shall be recorded as the official result indicated.

**Revised, Amended and Approved by the WPBF/USBC Executive Committee.  
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