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## Meeting Information

<b>Purpose:</b>	Assessment Committee (concerning protest)
<b>Date:</b>	2012-11-08
<b>Participants:</b>	Bobby Rehman, Chairman Mikael Forsgren, Member Jesper Gunnarson, Member

## Ruling Protocol

**Concerning the protest in the match between Martin Akthar and Leandro Gontijo at the event Superior Challenge 8, on October 6<sup>th</sup>, in Malmö, Sweden.**

### **Protest argumentation sent to SMMAF by Mr. Ramon Boixader:**

(Received: October 7th 2012 at 21:02)

We are from MMA BARCELONA, represent Leandro Gontijo, MMA BCN TEAM FIGHTER.  
EVENT: SUPERIOR CHALLENGUE 8 in Malmo. Sweden

Leandro gontijo vs Martin Aktar

Our fighter suffered an injustice, with two seconds left to finish the second round the referee decided to stop no reason to surrender, just not in the same event much more dangerous situations were no stops. We would like that if is posible that yours look the video of the fight because you can not do that to a fighter, the press, media and fans were not at all happy with this performance arbitration in all forums talk about the poor performance arbitration. It's a shame that events like these things happen Challengeue Superior. please ask that the final decision becomes a no contest and if necessary to fight back. We appreciate the trust and deposited in the Swedish MMA and here we are for any clarification and consultation. We know that is posible that you change the result. Thanks a lot

MMA BARCELONA TEAM

### **Answer from George Sallfeldt; SMMAF President:**

(Sent: October 8th 2012 at 11:26)

Dear Mr. Boixader,

Please read about the protest procedure on the Swedish MMA Federation website:

<http://smmaf.se/protest.asp>

Best regards,

George Sallfeldt

### **Email sent to SMMAF by Mr. Ramon Boixader:**

(Received: October 9th 2012 at 00:57)

Hello Mr. George, we put this morning the money in your account

We are very unhappy with the referee of the fight and the decision to stop for lack of a second when Leandro already had turned, Martin had no angle to keep doing more damage. It is shameful that an event like these things happen SUPERIOR CHALLENGUE. We are very sad and very angry at the same time. We have entered the 2000 SEK calling on your website to make the claim. Leandro was dominating the fight, what happens????? Martin is malmo, a third round would have been fair, arbitration was not appropriate to ask why the fight becomes a NO CONTEST, and to be given the opportunity to return leandro fight with Martin, not want money bag or anything, leandro free fight for justice. All press and even most known fighters, fans and people in malmo us right. the referee can make mistakes, but we also know we understand that a mistake can be exchanged for a fair decision. hope your reply soon and call for honesty. It is the second fight as a referee harms our fighter, first time was against Thomas back. Please take seriously our claim, we want justice for our fighter Thank you very much! if you need anything please contact with us....

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**Answer from George Sallfeldt; SMMAF President:**

(Sent: October 9th 2012)

Dear Mr. Boixader,

Thank you for your email.

From the receipt of your protest fee the Swedish MMA Federation Assessment Committee will need two weeks to investigate the matter and then decide on a ruling.

You can find the Assessment Committees earlier rulings here if you are in interested: <http://smmaf.se/association.asp?id=66>

Please remember paragraph 32.4: **"The results of a match shall only be changed if an obvious mistake has been uncovered, one that had an effect on the outcome of the match and was made by the referee, judges or another official."**

Please send us promptly any additional information that you have and that may help the Assessment Committee in their investigation.

Best regards,

George Sallfeldt

**Email sent from Mr. Ramon Boixader:**

(Sent: October 10th 2012 at 00:22)

[www.fightermag.se](http://www.fightermag.se)

<http://www.tapology.com/fightcenter/fighters/15564-leandro-gontijo>

Thanks, but that is why we are saying that it was a mistake arbitration as seen in the video, Martin was no angle to hit well and was a second when the referee stopped!!! precipitation is an error!! also greatly affects a fighter!!

We have a link to a page that already speak at the time of his fight with Tomas back, but do not claim, but now are occurring twice.

We also have reviews on sites like [www.fightermag.se](http://www.fightermag.se), various forums, facebook, etc ..... where everyone agrees that the referee was wrong.

Thanks again and I hope everything ends well

Thanks!

**Answer from George Sallfeldt; SMMAF President:**

(Sent: October 26th 2012 at 13:15)

Dear Mr. Boixader,

We could not find your protest fee in our account but when we talked with the people responsible for managing these accounts they found your payment. We apologize for this inconvenience.

Your protest has promptly, this day, been sent to the chairman of the SMMAF Assessment Committee, Mr. Bobby Rehman. The SMMAF Assessment Committee has a processing period of two weeks from the day of receipt of the protest.

Here is the SMMAF's formal procedure concerning the handling of protests:

§ 32 Protest

32.1 If a contestant or his/her seconds finds the result of a match to be incorrect then a protest can be handed in to the event coordinator within 48 hours upon conclusion of the match.

32.2 A protest must be submitted from the contestant's association (Swedish athletes) or from the contestant's club/team or manager (foreign athletes), not from the contestant personally.

32.3 The protest shall contain information regarding which match it concerns, what the protest is in regards to, reasons for protesting, how one finds that the match should be judged as well as complete contact information.

32.4 The results of a match shall only be changed if an obvious mistake has been uncovered, one that had an effect on the outcome of the match and was made by the referee, judges or another official.

The decision of the SMMAF Assessment Committee shall be provided to you via e-mail no later than the 9th of November 2012.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

George Sallfeldt

## Assessment Committee protest handling:

### Validity of the protest

The protest was correctly sent to SMMAF within the stated 48 hour limit and the protest fee of 2 000 SEK was also paid. Mr. Boixader also made an argumentation regarding how the match should be ruled.

The Assessment Committee (Below: AC) finds the protest valid.

### Argumentation

The protest text (in the mails) states a lot of things. However it is clear that the protest finds the stoppage to be too early and therefore should be a no contest.

The arguments for a too early stopping are:

1. Only 2 second left of the round.
2. Other matches had more dangerous situations and were not stopped.
3. Martin had no angle for doing more damage.

These are the arguments valid for the protest, there are other comments. However those are not valid for arguing the early stoppage.

### Review

To review this the rules must be consulted, for this protest is about stoppage. The rules states:

9.6 The referee shall put the contestants safety first and immediately stop a match if and when it is apparent that one part is so superior that the other stands the risk of being injured, if one of the contestants is in a questionable position of disadvantage, or if one of the contestants is not defending him/herself properly.

To meet the arguments:

1. Should the referee consider how long time it is left of the round?

Answer is no. The rules do not say anything about time left.

2. Should the referee consider outcome of other matches?

Answer is no. The rules do not say anything about this.

3. Martin had no angle for doing more damage.

This is what should be reviewed. The match-video shows that Martin gets full mount and starts to hit with 22 seconds of the round left. It ends with that the referee stops the match with 1 second left. During these 21 seconds Martin hits around 37 times. Of these 37 strikes a little more than 20 landed either directly to the head or on the arms. At the same time Leandro does not strike at all. He moves from below but is not improving his position a whole lot.

### Regarding the question of pre-mature stoppage

It is evident when reviewing the footage that Gontijo was mounted/back-mounted for a long time and was on the receiving end of many strikes. A large portion of them landed on target.

So is it valid to argue that the referee did an obvious mistake by stopping the match? In consideration to the amount of hits that landed one could argue that it was a late stoppage.

Therefore we cannot argue this to be a early stoppage and find no obvious mistake done by the referee.

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## **Conclusion**

The AC has found no obvious mistakes conducted by the referee in the match between Akhtar and Gontiljo. Therefore the original result shall stand.

Stockholm 2012-12-08

Bobby Rehman  
Mikael Forsgren  
Jesper Gunnarson