U.S. OLYMPIAN JOSE RAMÍREZ

SIGNS WITH TOP RANK®

Amateur Sensation to Make Pro Debut on

Pacquiao-Márquez 4 Undercard December 8

LAS VEGAS, NEV. (November 9, 2012) – Hall of Fame promoter **Bob Arum** and **Todd duBoef** ann
ounced the signing of Méxican-American amateur sensation
JOSE RAMÍREZ
to an exclusive long-term promotional agreement with Top Rank today. Ramírez, arguably the crown jewel of the 2012 U.S. Olympic Team, will make his professional debut, in a four-round lightweight bout, on the undercard of the Manny Pacquiao – Juan Manuel Márquez 4 welterweight event, Saturday, December 8, at the MGM Grand Garden Arena. Pacquiao-Márquez 4 will be produced and distributed Live on HBO Pay-Per-View®, beginning at 9 p.m. ET / 6 p.m. PT.

"I feel very blessed to have the team that I have around me and that Top Rank will make my team even stronger," said Ramírez. "I feel I'm in great hands with Top Rank and they care about their fighters."

"We are ecstatic to sign Jose Ramírez to a promotional contract," said Arum, Top Rank's founder and CEO. "We considered Jose to be the leading prospect among the fighters comprising the U.S. Olympic Boxing Team."

"After structuring one of the most complex and detailed agreements, we are thrilled to include the premier 2012 U.S. Olympian to our Top Rank stable," said duBoef, president of Top Rank. "We have followed Jose's highly-decorated amateur career and look forward to paving and

developing a path for his professional career."

“I am excited about our relationship with Top Rank because they believe in Jose and they have faith that Jose will excel in the sport,” said Armando Mancinas, coach and co-manager of Ramírez. “Their history of developing fighters should prove beneficial for Team Ramírez.”

"After countless meetings, months of research and preparation it was decided that as Top Rank raised boxing's superstars in the past that they are poised to do the same with the next generation of the sport’s elite,” said Rick Mirigian, Ramírez’s co-manager and deal agent. “The structure, stability, partnerships and experience To Rank has in place is second to none. They stepped up and showed they share the same belief in Ramírez as we do and historically they don't just sign anyone as they deal in quality, not quantity. I look forward to working close with them to create the sport’s next superstar and usher in a new generation of boxing.”

Ramírez, 20, who began boxing when he was 8, and hails from Avenal, Calif., surpassed Oscar De La Hoya, Floyd Mayweather, Jr. and Shane Mosley to become USA Boxing’s all-time lightweight record holder. The No. 1-rated amateur lightweight in the U.S., Ramírez’s resume boasts 145 victories and 11 National titles. His trophy case glistens with gold including: U.S. Olympic Team Trials Champion (2012), National Champion (2010-2011), Junior Olympic National Champion (2010-2011) and USA Boxing National Champion (2011.)

“Jose’s fan-friendly style of fighting – always on the attack and throwing lots of punches – is a perfect fit for Top Rank,” said Hall of Fame matchmaker Bruce Trampler. “We have very high expectations for him.”