

Kovalev To Fight White, Winner Gets Hopkin-Murat Winner

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The IBF has granted formal sanction approval for the IBF Light Heavyweight Voluntary Eliminator fight for the #1 position between #4, Sergey Kovalev and #5, Cornelius White. The winner will become #1 but will not be the mandatory challenger. Karo Murat is the current mandatory challenger and has been ordered to fight Champion Bernard Hopkins. Once the Hopkins - Murat fight occurs, the winner of Kovalev - White will become the next mandatory challenger for the winner.

The Kovalev - White 12-round bout is part of a blockbuster triple-header that will be broadcast live on NBC Sports Network *Fight Night* Friday, June 14th at Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem, beginning 8PM ET. The main event features a 10-round heavyweight fight between Bryant Jennings and Andrey Fedosov. The triple header rounds out with a 10 round welterweight battle between Ronald Cruz and Jamie Hererra.