

“(5) After a comprehensive congressional investigation, including interviews and statements from survivors, former and current organization officials, law enforcement, and advocates, Congress found that the United States Olympic Committee and USA Gymnastics fundamentally failed to uphold their existing statutory purposes and duty to protect amateur athletes from sexual, emotional, or physical abuse.

“(6) USA Gymnastics and the United States Olympic Committee knowingly concealed abuse by Larry Nassar, leading to the abuse of dozens of additional amateur athletes during the period beginning in the summer of 2015 and ending in September 2016.

“(7) Ending abuse in the Olympic and Paralympic movement requires enhanced oversight to ensure that the Olympic and Paralympic movement does more to serve athletes and protect their voice and safety.”

REPORT TO CONGRESS ON EFFECTIVENESS OF CHAPTER AND PROPOSED CHANGES

Pub. L. 105-277, div. C, title I, §142(q), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-609, required the United States Olympic Committee to submit, five years from Oct. 21, 1998, a special report to Congress on the effectiveness of the provisions of this chapter, together with any additional proposed changes to this chapter the United States Olympic Committee determined to be appropriate.

§ 220502. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—The corporation is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

(c) REFERENCES TO UNITED STATES OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION AND UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE.—Any reference to the United States Olympic Association or the United States Olympic Committee is deemed to refer to the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1466; Pub. L. 116-189, § 4(a)(2), Oct. 30, 2020, 134 Stat. 944.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
220502(a) .....	36:371 (1st sentence).	Sept. 21, 1950, ch. 975, title I, §101 (1st sentence), formerly §1(1st sentence), 64 Stat. 899; Nov. 8, 1978, Pub. L. 95-606, §1(a)(1), (2), 92 Stat. 3045.
	36:372.	Sept. 21, 1950, ch. 975, title I, §§102, 105(a) (words before cl. (1) related to perpetual succession), as added Nov. 8, 1978, Pub. L. 95-606, §1(b), 92 Stat. 3045, 3047.
220502(b) .....	36:375(a) (words before cl. (1) related to perpetual succession).	
220502(c) .....	36:383.	Aug. 10, 1964, Pub. L. 88-407, 78 Stat. 383.

Subsection (a) is substituted for the source provisions for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary and executed words.

In subsection (b), the words “Except as otherwise provided” are added, the word “has” is substituted for “shall have”, and the word “existence” is substituted for “succession”, for consistency in the revised title.

In subsection (c), the words “The corporation known as the United States Olympic Association, which was incorporated by this chapter, shall be known and designated on and after August 10, 1964, as the United States Olympic Committee and” are omitted as executed. The words “such corporation under the name of” are omitted as unnecessary. The words “is deemed to”

are substituted for “shall be held to” for clarity. The words “such corporation under and by the name of” are omitted as unnecessary.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2020—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 116-189 amended subsec. (c) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Any reference to the United States Olympic Association is deemed to refer to the United States Olympic Committee.”

§ 220503. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to establish national goals for amateur athletic activities and encourage the attainment of those goals;

(2) to coordinate and develop amateur athletic activity in the United States, directly related to international amateur athletic competition, to foster productive working relationships among sports-related organizations;

(3) to exercise exclusive jurisdiction, directly or through constituent members of committees, over—

(A) all matters pertaining to United States participation in the Olympic Games, the Paralympic Games, the Pan-American Games, and the Parapan American Games, including representation of the United States in the games; and

(B) the organization of the Olympic Games, the Paralympic Games, the Pan-American Games, and the Parapan American Games when held in the United States;

(4) to obtain for the United States, directly or by delegation to the appropriate national governing body, the most competent amateur representation possible in each event of the Olympic Games, the Paralympic Games, the Pan-American Games, and the Parapan American Games;

(5) to promote and support amateur athletic activities involving the United States and foreign nations;

(6) to promote and encourage physical fitness and public participation in amateur athletic activities;

(7) to assist organizations and persons concerned with sports in the development of amateur athletic programs for amateur athletes;

(8) to provide swift resolution of conflicts and disputes involving amateur athletes, national governing bodies, and amateur sports organizations, and protect the opportunity of any amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official to participate in amateur athletic competition;

(9) to foster the development of and access to amateur athletic facilities for use by amateur athletes and assist in making existing amateur athletic facilities available for use by amateur athletes;

(10) to provide and coordinate technical information on physical training, equipment design, coaching, and performance analysis;

(11) to encourage and support research, development, and dissemination of information in the areas of sports medicine and sports safety;

(12) to encourage and provide assistance to amateur athletic activities for women;

(13) to encourage and provide assistance to amateur athletic programs and competition for amateur athletes with disabilities, including, where feasible, the expansion of opportunities for meaningful participation by such amateur athletes in programs of athletic competition for able-bodied amateur athletes;

(14) to encourage and provide assistance to amateur athletes of racial and ethnic minorities for the purpose of eliciting the participation of those minorities in amateur athletic activities in which they are underrepresented;

(15) to promote a safe environment in sports that is free from abuse, including emotional, physical, and sexual abuse, of any amateur athlete; and

(16) to effectively oversee the national governing bodies with respect to compliance with and implementation of the policies and procedures of the corporation, including policies and procedures on the establishment of a safe environment in sports as described in paragraph (15).

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1466; Pub. L. 105-277, div. C, title I, §142(d), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-603; Pub. L. 115-126, title II, §201, Feb. 14, 2018, 132 Stat. 320; Pub. L. 116-189, §§4(a)(3), 6(a), Oct. 30, 2020, 134 Stat. 945, 947.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
220503 .....	36:374.	Sept. 21, 1950, ch. 975, title I, §104, as added Nov. 8, 1978, Pub. L. 95-606, §1(b), 92 Stat. 3046.

Before clause (1), the word “objects” is omitted as included in “purposes”.

In clause (4), the word “competition” is omitted as included in “each event”.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2020—Par. (3). Pub. L. 116-189, §4(a)(3)(A), substituted “the Pan-American Games, and the Parapan American Games” for “and the Pan-American Games” in subpars. (A) and (B).

Par. (4). Pub. L. 116-189, §4(a)(3)(B), substituted “the Pan-American Games, and the Parapan American Games” for “and Pan-American Games”.

Par. (9). Pub. L. 116-189, §6(a)(1), inserted “and access to” after “development of”.

Par. (16). Pub. L. 116-189, §6(a)(2)-(4), added par. (16). 2018—Par. (15). Pub. L. 115-126 added par. (15).

1998—Pars. (3), (4). Pub. L. 105-277, §142(d)(1), substituted “Olympic Games, the Paralympic Games” for “Olympic Games” wherever appearing.

Par. (13). Pub. L. 105-277, §142(d)(2), added par. (13) and struck out former par. (13) which read as follows: “to encourage and provide assistance to amateur athletic programs and competition for individuals with disabilities, including, where feasible, the expansion of opportunities for meaningful participation by individuals with disabilities in programs of athletic competition for able-bodied individuals; and”.

§ 220504. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Eligibility for membership in the corporation is as provided in the constitu-

tion and bylaws of the corporation, and membership shall be available only to national governing bodies.

(b) REQUIRED PROVISIONS FOR REPRESENTATION.—In its constitution and bylaws, the corporation shall establish and maintain provisions with respect to its governance and the conduct of its affairs for reasonable representation of—

(1) national governing bodies, including through provisions that establish and maintain a National Governing Bodies’ Council that is composed of representatives of the national governing bodies who are selected by their boards of directors or other governing boards to ensure effective communication between the corporation and the national governing bodies;

(2) amateur athletes who are actively engaged in amateur athletic competition or who have represented the United States in international amateur athletic competition, including through provisions that—

(A) establish and maintain an Athletes’ Advisory Council;

(B) ensure that the chair of the Athletes’ Advisory Council, or the designee of the chair, holds voting power on the board of directors of the corporation and in the committees and entities of the corporation;

(C) require that—

(i) not less than 1/3 of the membership of the board of directors of the corporation shall be composed of, and elected by, such amateur athletes; and

(ii) not less than 20 percent of the membership of the board of directors of the corporation shall be composed of amateur athletes who—

(I) are actively engaged in representing the United States in international amateur athletic competition; or

(II) have represented the United States in international amateur athletic competition during the preceding 10-year period; and

(D) ensure that the membership and voting power held by such amateur athletes is not less than 1/3 of the membership and voting power held in the board of directors of the corporation and in the committees and entities of the corporation, including any panel empowered to resolve grievances;

(3) amateur sports organizations that conduct a national program or regular national amateur athletic competition in 2 or more sports that are included on the program of the Olympic Games, the Paralympic Games, the Pan-American Games, or the Parapan American Games on a level of proficiency appropriate for the selection of amateur athletes to represent the United States in international amateur athletic competition; and

(4) individuals not affiliated or associated with any amateur sports organization who, in the corporation’s judgment, represent the interests of the American public in the activities of the corporation.

(c) CONFLICT OF INTEREST.—An athlete who represents athletes under subsection (b)(2) shall