

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
220511 .....	36:382a(a).	Sept. 21, 1950, ch. 975, title I, §113(a), as added Nov. 8, 1978, Pub. L. 95-606, §1(b), 92 Stat. 3049.

In subsection (a)(1), the words “full and” are omitted as unnecessary.

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2020—Pub. L. 116-189 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section related to reports to be submitted by the United States Olympic Committee.

2006—Pub. L. 109-284 substituted “Report” for “Annual report” in section catchline.

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-277 amended heading and text of subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Not later than June 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit simultaneously to the President and to each House of Congress a detailed report of its operations during the prior calendar year, including—

“(1) a complete statement of the corporation’s receipts and expenditures; and

“(2) a comprehensive description of the activities and accomplishments of the corporation during the prior year.”

**§ 220512. Complete teams**

In obtaining representation for the United States in each competition and event of the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan-American Games, and Parapan American Games, the corporation, either directly or by delegation to the appropriate national governing body, may select, but is not obligated to select (even if not selecting will result in an incomplete team for an event), athletes who have not met the eligibility standard of the national governing body and the corporation when the number of athletes who have met the eligibility standards of such entities is insufficient to fill the roster for an event.

(Added Pub. L. 105-277, div. C, title I, §142(k)(1), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-606; amended Pub. L. 109-284, §5(19), Sept. 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 1212; Pub. L. 116-189, §§4(a)(8), 7(a)(2)(A)(ii), Oct. 30, 2020, 134 Stat. 945, 956.)

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AMENDMENTS

2020—Pub. L. 116-189 substituted “Pan-American Games, and Parapan American Games” for “and Pan-American Games” and struck out “or paralympic sports organization” after “appropriate national governing body”.

2006—Pub. L. 109-284 substituted “and the corporation” for “and the Corporation”.

**§ 220513. Annual amateur athlete survey**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not less frequently than annually, the corporation shall cause an independent third-party organization, under contract, to conduct an anonymous survey of amateur athletes who are actively engaged in amateur athletic competition with respect to—

- (1) their satisfaction with the corporation and the applicable national governing body; and

(2) the behaviors, attitudes, and feelings within the corporation and the applicable national governing body relating to sexual harassment and abuse.

(b) CONSULTATION.—A contract under subsection (a) shall require the independent third-party organization to develop the survey in consultation with the Center.

(c) PROHIBITION ON INTERFERENCE.—If the corporation or a national governing body makes any effort to undermine the independence of, introduce bias into, or otherwise influence a survey under subsection (a), such activity shall be reported immediately to Congress.

(d) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The corporation shall make the results of each such survey available to the public on an internet website of the corporation.

(Added Pub. L. 116-189, §6(g)(1), Oct. 30, 2020, 134 Stat. 955.)

**§ 220514. Annual report on equal treatment of athletes**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not less frequently than annually, the corporation shall submit to Congress a report on the compliance of the corporation with paragraphs (1)(D) and (2) of section 220505(d).

(b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—Each report required by subsection (a) shall include detailed information on the median, minimum, and maximum stipends and bonuses provided to athletes, disaggregated by gender, race, and, as applicable, status of participation on a professional sports team.

(Added Pub. L. 117-340, §2(a)(2)(A), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6176.)

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CODIFICATION

Section 2(a)(2)(A) of Pub. L. 117-340, which directed that this section be added at the end of “subchapter I of title 36, United States Code”, was executed by adding this section at the end of subchapter I of this chapter, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

RULE OF CONSTRUCTION

For construction of Pub. L. 117-340 as it pertains to certain rights of athletes, see section 2(d) of Pub. L. 117-340, set out as a note under section 220505 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER II—NATIONAL GOVERNING BODIES

**§ 220521. Certification of national governing bodies**

(a) IN GENERAL.—With respect to each sport included on the program of the Olympic Games, the Paralympic Games, the Pan-American Games, or the Parapan American Games, the corporation—

- (1) may certify as a national governing body an amateur sports organization, a high-performance management organization, or a paralympic sports organization that files an

application and is eligible for such certification under section 220522; and

(2) may not certify more than 1 national governing body.

(b) PUBLIC HEARING.—Before certifying an organization as a national governing body, the corporation shall hold at least 2 public hearings on the application. The corporation shall publish notice of the time, place, and nature of the hearings. Publication shall be made in a regular issue of the corporation’s principal publication at least 30 days, but not more than 60 days, before the date of the hearings. The corporation shall send written notice, which shall include a copy of the application, at least 30 days prior to the date of any such public hearing to all amateur sports organizations known to the corporation in that sport.

(c) RECOMMENDATION TO INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATION.—Within 61 days after certifying an organization as a national governing body, the corporation shall recommend and support in any appropriate manner the national governing body to the appropriate international sports federation as the representative of the United States for that sport.

(d) REVIEW OF CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 8 years after the date of the enactment of the Empowering Olympic, Paralympic, and Amateur Athletes Act of 2020, and not less frequently than once every 4 years thereafter, the corporation—

(1) shall review all matters related to the continued certification of an organization as a national governing body;

(2) may take action the corporation considers appropriate, including placing conditions on the continued certification of an organization as a national governing body;

(3) shall submit to Congress a summary report of each review under paragraph (1); and

(4) shall make each such summary report available to the public.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1471; Pub. L. 105–277, div. C, title I, §142(l), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681–607; Pub. L. 109–284, §5(20), Sept. 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 1212; Pub. L. 116–189, §7(a)(1), Oct. 30, 2020, 134 Stat. 955.)

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220521(a) .....	36:391(a) (1st, 2d sentences).	Sept. 21, 1950, ch. 975, title II, §§201(a), (d), 204, 205(b)(5), as added Nov. 8, 1978, Pub. L. 95–606, §2, 92 Stat. 3050, 3052, 3055, 3057.
220521(b) .....	36:391(a) (3d–last sentences).	
220521(c) .....	36:391(d).	
220521(d) .....	36:395(b)(5). 36:394.	

In subsection (b), the words “under the authority granted under this subchapter and in accordance with the procedures and requirements of this section” are omitted as unnecessary. The words “public hearing” are substituted for “hearing open to the public”, and the words “for such recognition” are omitted, to eliminate unnecessary words.

In subsection (c), the words “in accordance with subsection (a) of this section” in 36:391(d) and “in accordance with this subsection” in 36:395(b)(5) are omitted as unnecessary.

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of the enactment of the Empowering Olympic, Paralympic, and Amateur Athletes Act of 2020, referred to in subsec. (d), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 116–189, which was approved Oct. 30, 2020.

AMENDMENTS

2020—Pub. L. 116–189, §7(a)(1)(A), substituted “Certification of national governing bodies” for “Recognition of amateur sports organizations as national governing bodies” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116–189, §7(a)(1)(B), amended subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (a) provided general authority for the corporation to recognize an eligible amateur sports organization as a national governing body.

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 116–189, §7(a)(1)(C), (D), substituted “certifying” for “recognizing”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 116–189, §7(a)(1)(E), amended subsec. (d) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The corporation may review all matters related to the continued recognition of an organization as a national governing body and may take action it considers appropriate, including placing conditions on the continued recognition.”

2006—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109–284 substituted “subsection” for “subsections”.

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105–277, §142(l)(1), inserted first sentence and struck out former first sentence which read as follows: “For any sport that is included on the program of the Olympic Games or the Pan-American Games, the corporation may recognize as a national governing body an amateur sports organization that files an application and is eligible under section 220522 of this title.”

Pub. L. 105–277, §142(l)(2), substituted “approved, except as provided in section 220522(b) with respect to a paralympic sports organization.” for “approved.”

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105–277, §142(l)(3)–(5), substituted “hold at least 2 public hearings” for “hold a public hearing”, substituted “hearings.” for “hearing.” in two places, and inserted at end “The corporation shall send written notice, which shall include a copy of the application, at least 30 days prior to the date of any such public hearing to all amateur sports organizations known to the corporation in that sport.”

§ 220522. Eligibility requirements

An amateur sports organization, a high-performance management organization, or a paralympic sports organization is eligible to be certified, or to continue to be certified, as a national governing body only if it—

(1) is incorporated under the laws of a State of the United States or the District of Columbia as a not-for-profit corporation having as its purpose the advancement of amateur athletic competition;

(2) has the managerial and financial capability to plan and execute its obligations, including the ability to provide and enforce required athlete protection policies and procedures;

(3) submits—

(A) an application, in the form required by the corporation, for certification as a national governing body;

(B) a copy of its corporate charter and bylaws; and

(C) any additional information considered necessary or appropriate by the corporation;

(4) agrees to submit to binding arbitration in any controversy involving—