

tion over that competition if participation is restricted to a specific class of amateur athletes, such as high school students, college students, members of the Armed Forces, or similar groups or categories.

(b) SANCTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION.—An amateur sports organization under subsection (a) of this section shall obtain a sanction from the appropriate national governing body if the organization wishes to—

- (1) conduct international amateur athletic competition in the United States; or
- (2) sponsor international amateur athletic competition to be held outside the United States.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1475.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
220526(a) .....	36:396 (1st sentence).	Sept. 21, 1950, ch. 975, title II, §206, as added Nov. 8, 1978, Pub. L. 95–606, §2, 92 Stat. 3058.
220526(b) .....	36:396 (last sentence).	

§ 220527. Complaints against national governing bodies

(a) GENERAL.—(1) An amateur sports organization or person that belongs to or is eligible to belong to a national governing body may seek to compel the national governing body to comply with sections 220522, 220524, and 220525 of this title by filing a written complaint with the corporation. A copy of the complaint shall be served on the national governing body.

(2) The corporation shall establish procedures for the filing and disposition of complaints under this section.

(b) HEARINGS.—The corporation shall hold a hearing, within 90 days after the complaint is filed, to receive testimony to decide whether the national governing body is complying with sections 220522, 220524, and 220525 of this title.

(c) DISPOSITION OF COMPLAINT.—(1) If the corporation decides, as a result of the hearing, that the national governing body is complying with sections 220522, 220524, and 220525 of this title, it shall so notify the complainant and the national governing body.

(2) If the corporation decides, as a result of the hearing, that the national governing body is not complying with sections 220522, 220524, and 220525 of this title, it shall—

- (A) place the national governing body on probation for a specified period of time, not to exceed 180 days, which the corporation considers necessary to enable the national governing body to comply with those sections; or
- (B) revoke the recognition of the national governing body.

(3) If the corporation places a national governing body on probation under paragraph (2) of this subsection, it may extend the probationary period if the national governing body has proven by clear and convincing evidence that, through no fault of its own, it needs additional time to comply with sections 220522, 220524, and 220525 of this title. If, at the end of the period allowed by

the corporation, the national governing body has not complied with those sections, the corporation shall revoke the recognition of the national governing body.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1476; Pub. L. 116–189, §7(d), Oct. 30, 2020, 134 Stat. 960.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
220527(a)(1)	36:395(a)(1) (1st, last sentences).	Sept. 21, 1950, ch. 975, title II, §205(a), as added Nov. 8, 1978, Pub. L. 95–606, §2, 92 Stat. 3055.
220527(a)(2)	36:395(a)(1) (3d sentence).	
220527(b)(1)	36:395(a)(1) (2d sentence).	
220527(b)(2)	36:395(a)(2).	
220527(c) .....	36:395(a)(3)(A).	
220527(d) .....	36:395(a)(3)(B)–(D).	

In subsection (b)(2), the words “or person” are added for clarity and consistency in the section. The words “all available remedies” are substituted for “its remedies” for consistency with subsection (b)(1) of this section. The words “within the applicable national governing body” are omitted as unnecessary.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2020—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116–189, §7(d)(1), (3), redesignated subsec. (c) as (b) and struck out former subsec. (b) which related to exhaustion of remedies before filing a complaint.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 116–189, §7(d)(3), redesignated subsec. (d) as (c). Former subsec. (c) redesignated (b).

Pub. L. 116–189, §7(d)(2), substituted “The corporation” for “If the corporation decides that all available remedies have been exhausted as required by subsection (b)(1) of this section, it”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 116–189, §7(d)(3), redesignated subsec. (d) as (c).

§ 220528. Applications to replace an incumbent national governing body

(a) GENERAL.—An amateur sports organization may seek to replace an incumbent as the national governing body for a particular sport by filing a written application for certification with the corporation.

(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCEDURES.—The corporation shall establish procedures for the filing and disposition of applications under this section. If 2 or more organizations file applications for the same sport, the applications shall be considered in a single proceeding.

(c) FILING PROCEDURES.—(1) An application under this section must be filed within one year after the final day of—

- (A) any Olympic Games, for a sport in which competition is held in the Olympic Games or the Paralympic Games, or in each of the Olympic Games, the Paralympic Games, the Pan-American Games, and the Parapan American Games; or
- (B) any Pan-American Games or Parapan American Games, for a sport in which competition is held in the Pan-American Games or the Parapan American Games, as applicable, but not in the Olympic Games or the Paralympic Games.

(2) The application shall be filed with the corporation by certified mail, and a copy of the ap-