

2006—Pub. L. 109-284, §5(12), Sept. 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 1212, substituted “Short title and definitions” for “Definitions” in item 220501.

1998—Pub. L. 105-277, div. C, title I, §142(j)(2), (k)(2), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-606, 2681-607, substituted “Report” for “Annual report” in item 220511 and added item 220512.

SUBCHAPTER I—CORPORATION

§ 220501. Short title and definitions

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This chapter may be cited as the “Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act”.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this chapter—

(1) “amateur athlete” means an athlete who meets the eligibility standards established by the national governing body or paralympic sports organization for the sport in which the athlete competes.

(2) “amateur athletic competition” means a contest, game, meet, match, tournament, regatta, or other event in which amateur athletes compete.

(3) “amateur sports organization” means a not-for-profit corporation, association, or other group organized in the United States that sponsors or arranges an amateur athletic competition.

(4) “Center” means the United States Center for Safe Sport designated under section 220541.

(5) “child abuse” has the meaning given the term in section 212 of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990 (34 U.S.C. 20302).

(6) “corporation” means the United States Olympic Committee.

(7) “international amateur athletic competition” means an amateur athletic competition between one or more athletes representing the United States, individually or as a team, and one or more athletes representing a foreign country.

(8) “national governing body” means an amateur sports organization that is recognized by the corporation under section 220521 of this title.

(9) “paralympic sports organization” means an amateur sports organization which is recognized by the corporation under section 220521 of this title.

(10) “sanction” means a certificate of approval issued by a national governing body.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1466; Pub. L. 105-277, div. C, title I, §142(b)(2), (c), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-603; Pub. L. 109-284, §5(13), (14), Sept. 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 1212; Pub. L. 115-126, title II, §202(b), Feb. 14, 2018, 132 Stat. 323.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
220501	36:373.	Sept. 21, 1950, ch. 975, title I, §103, as added Nov. 8, 1978, Pub. L. 95-606, §1(b), 92 Stat. 3045.

In clause (3), the words “club, federation, union” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (5), the words “one or more athletes” are substituted for “any athlete or athletes” and for “any athletic or athletes” for clarity and to correct a grammatical error.

In clause (6), a reference to section 220522 (restating 36:391(b) and (c)) is unnecessary because section 220521 incorporates the eligibility requirements of section 220522.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (b)(4) to (10). Pub. L. 115-126 added pars. (4) and (5) and redesignated former pars. (4) to (8) as (6) to (10), respectively.

2006—Pub. L. 109-284, §5(13), substituted “Short title and definitions” for “Title and Definitions” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-284, §5(14), substituted “Short Title” for “Title” in heading.

1998—Pub. L. 105-277, §142(b)(2)(A), substituted “Title and Definitions” for “Definitions” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-277, §142(b)(2)(B), added subsec. (a).

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-277, §142(b)(2)(C), designated existing provisions as subsec. (b) and inserted heading.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 105-277, §142(c)(1), inserted “or paralympic sports organization” after “national governing body”.

Subsec. (b)(7), (8). Pub. L. 105-277, §142(c)(2), (3), added par. (7) and redesignated former par. (7) as (8).

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.—Any reference to the United States Olympic Association is deemed to refer to the United States Olympic Committee.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1466.)

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