

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

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.

§ 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, and the Pan-American Games, including representation of the United States in the games; and

(B) the organization of the Olympic Games, the Paralympic Games, and the Pan-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, and Pan-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 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, includ-

ing, 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; and

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

(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.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
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”.

AMENDMENTS

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 constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(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) amateur sports organizations recognized as national governing bodies and paralympic sports organizations in accordance with section 220521 of this title, including through provisions which establish and maintain a National Governing Bodies’ Council composed of representatives of the national governing bodies and any paralympic sports organizations and selected by their boards of directors or such other governing boards to ensure effective communication between the corporation and such national governing bodies and paralympic sports organizations;

(2) amateur athletes who are actively engaged in amateur athletic competition or who have represented the United States in international amateur athletic competition within