

conflicts or disputes that involve any of its members and any amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, official, national governing body, or amateur sports organization and that arise in connection with their eligibility for and participation in the Olympic Games, the Paralympic Games, the Pan-American Games, world championship competition, the Pan-American world championship competition, or other protected competition as defined in the constitution and by-laws of the corporation; and

(6) provide financial assistance to any organization or association, except a corporation organized for profit, in furtherance of the purposes of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1468; Pub. L. 105-277, div. C, title I, §142(f), 112 Stat. 2681-604; Pub. L. 109-284, §5(15), Sept. 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 1212.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
220505(a)	36:375(b).	Sept. 21, 1950, ch. 975, title I, §§105 (less (a) (words before cl. (1) related to perpetual succession)), 109, as added Nov. 8, 1978, Pub. L. 95-606, §1(b), 92 Stat. 3047, 3048.
220505(b)	36:375(a) (words before cl. (1) less perpetual succession), (6)-(10), (12)-(16). 36:379.	
220505(c)	36:375(a) (words before cl. (1) less perpetual succession), (1)-(5), (11).	

In subsection (a), before clause (1), the words “not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or of any State” are omitted as unnecessary. In clause (1), the word “amendment” is substituted for “alteration” for consistency. Before subclause (A), the word “general” is omitted as unnecessary. In subclause (B), the words “adoption of the amendment” are substituted for “the alteration” for clarity. In clause (2), the word “comments” is substituted for “views, or arguments” to omit unnecessary words. The words “a period of” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (b), the text of 36:379 is omitted as executed and obsolete. In clause (4), the word “devises” is substituted for “devices” to use standard contemporary spelling. In clause (5), the words “acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer” are substituted for “acquire, hold, and dispose of” for consistency in the revised title. The words “real and personal” and “may be” are omitted as unnecessary. The words “to carry out the purposes of the corporation” are substituted for “for its corporate purposes” for consistency in the revised title. In clause (6), the words “to carry out its corporate purposes” are omitted as unnecessary and for consistency in the revised title. The words “issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property” are substituted for “issue notes, bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness therefor, and secure the same by mortgage” for consistency in the revised title. The words “subject in each case to the laws of the United States or of any State” are omitted as unnecessary.

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (b)(9). Pub. L. 109-284 substituted “this chapter shall be” for “this Act shall be”.

1998—Subsec. (b)(9). Pub. L. 105-277, §142(f)(1), substituted “sued, except that any civil action brought in

a State court against the corporation and solely relating to the corporation’s responsibilities under this Act shall be removed, at the request of the corporation, to the district court of the United States in the district in which the action was brought, and such district court shall have original jurisdiction over the action without regard to the amount in controversy or citizenship of the parties involved, and except that neither this paragraph nor any other provision of this chapter shall create a private right of action under this chapter; and” for “sued; and”.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 105-277, §142(f)(2)(A), substituted “Organization and as its national Paralympic committee in relations with the International Paralympic Committee;” for “Organization”.

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 105-277, §142(f)(2)(B), substituted “Games, the Paralympic Games, and” for “Games and of”.

Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 105-277, §142(f)(2)(C), substituted “Games, or as paralympic sports organizations for any sport that is included on the program of the Paralympic Games;” for “Games;”.

Subsec. (c)(5). Pub. L. 105-277, §142(f)(2)(D), substituted “Games, the Paralympic Games, the Pan-American Games, world championship competition,” for “Games;”.

§ 220506. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

(a) EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF CORPORATION.—Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the corporation has the exclusive right to use—

(1) the name “United States Olympic Committee”;

(2) the symbol of the International Olympic Committee, consisting of 5 interlocking rings, the symbol of the International Paralympic Committee, consisting of 3 TaiGeuks, or the symbol of the Pan-American Sports Organization, consisting of a torch surrounded by concentric rings;

(3) the emblem of the corporation, consisting of an escutcheon having a blue chief and vertically extending red and white bars on the base with 5 interlocking rings displayed on the chief; and

(4) the words “Olympic”, “Olympiad”, “Citius Altius Fortius”, “Paralympic”, “Paralympiad”, “Pan-American”, “America Espirito Sport Fraternalite”, or any combination of those words.

(b) CONTRIBUTORS AND SUPPLIERS.—The corporation may authorize contributors and suppliers of goods or services to use the trade name of the corporation or any trademark, symbol, insignia, or emblem of the International Olympic Committee, International Paralympic Committee, the Pan-American Sports Organization, or of the corporation to advertise that the contributions, goods, or services were donated or supplied to, or approved, selected, or used by, the corporation, the United States Olympic team, the Paralympic team, the Pan-American team, or team members.

(c) CIVIL ACTION FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE.—Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the corporation may file a civil action against a person for the remedies provided in the Act of July 5, 1946 (15 U.S.C. 1051 et seq.) (popularly known as the Trademark Act of 1946) if the person, without the consent of the corporation, uses for the purpose of trade, to induce the sale

of any goods or services, or to promote any theatrical exhibition, athletic performance, or competition—

(1) the symbol described in subsection (a)(2) of this section;

(2) the emblem described in subsection (a)(3) of this section;

(3) the words described in subsection (a)(4) of this section, or any combination or simulation of those words tending to cause confusion or mistake, to deceive, or to falsely suggest a connection with the corporation or any Olympic, Paralympic, or Pan-American Games activity; or

(4) any trademark, trade name, sign, symbol, or insignia falsely representing association with, or authorization by, the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, the Pan-American Sports Organization, or the corporation.

(d) PRE-EXISTING AND GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCE RIGHTS.—(1) A person who actually used the emblem described in subsection (a)(3) of this section, or the words or any combination of the words described in subsection (a)(4) of this section, for any lawful purpose before September 21, 1950, is not prohibited by this section from continuing the lawful use for the same purpose and for the same goods or services.

(2) A person who actually used, or whose assignor actually used, the words or any combination of the words described in subsection (a)(4) of this section, or a trademark, trade name, sign, symbol, or insignia described in subsection (c)(4) of this section, for any lawful purpose before September 21, 1950, is not prohibited by this section from continuing the lawful use for the same purpose and for the same goods or services.

(3) Use of the word “Olympic” to identify a business or goods or services is permitted by this section where—

(A) such use is not combined with any of the intellectual properties referenced in subsection (a) or (c) of this section;

(B) it is evident from the circumstances that such use of the word “Olympic” refers to the naturally occurring mountains or geographical region of the same name that were named prior to February 6, 1998, and not to the corporation or any Olympic activity; and

(C) such business, goods, or services are operated, sold, and marketed in the State of Washington west of the Cascade Mountain range and operations, sales, and marketing outside of this area are not substantial.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1469; Pub. L. 105-277, div. C, title I, §142(g), 112 Stat. 2681-604; Pub. L. 109-284, §5(16), Sept. 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 1212.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
220506(a)	36:380(c).	Sept. 21, 1950, ch. 975, title I, §110, as added Nov. 8, 1978, Pub. L. 95-606, §1(b), 92 Stat. 3048.
220506(b)	36:380(b).	
220506(c)	36:380(a) (1st sentence).	
220506(d)	36:380(a) (2d, last sentences).	

Subsection (a)(2) and (3) is substituted for “the symbol described in subsection (a)(1) of this section; the emblem described in subsection (a)(2) of this section” because of the reorganization of the section.

In subsection (b), the words “or any trademark” are substituted for “as well as any trademark” to eliminate unnecessary words. The words “furnished . . . or for the use of” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (c), the words “the corporation may file a civil action against a person” are substituted for “any person . . . shall be subject to suit in a civil action by the Corporation” for clarity.

In subsection (d)(2), the words “the words or any combination of the words described in subsection (a)(4) of this section, or a trademark, trade name, sign, symbol, or insignia described in subsection (c)(4) of this section” are substituted for “any other trademark, trade name, sign, symbol, or insignia described in subsections (a)(3) and (4) of this section” for clarity.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Trademark Act of 1946, referred to in subsec. (c), is act July 5, 1946, ch. 540, 60 Stat. 427, as amended, also popularly known as the Lanham Act, which is classified generally to chapter 22 (§1051 et seq.) of Title 15, Commerce and Trade. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1051 of Title 15 and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (d)(3)(A). Pub. L. 109-284 substituted “subsection” for “subsections”.

1998—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 105-277, §142(g)(1), substituted “rings, the symbol of the International Paralympic Committee, consisting of 3 TaiGeuks, or the symbol of the Pan-American Sports Organization, consisting of a torch surrounded by concentric rings;” for “rings;”.

Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 105-277, §142(g)(2), inserted “‘Paralympic’, ‘Paralympiad’, ‘Pan-American’, ‘America Espirito Sport Fraternite’,” before “or any combination”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-277, §142(g)(3), (4), inserted “, International Paralympic Committee, the Pan-American Sports Organization,” after “International Olympic Committee” and “the Paralympic team,” before “the Pan-American team”.

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 105-277, §142(g)(5), inserted “, Paralympic, or Pan-American Games” after “any Olympic”.

Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 105-277, §142(g)(6), inserted “, the International Paralympic Committee, the Pan-American Sport Organization,” after “International Olympic Committee”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 105-277, §142(g)(7), inserted “AND GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCE” after “PRE-EXISTING” in heading.

Subsec. (d)(3). Pub. L. 105-277, §142(g)(8), added par. (3).

§ 220507. Restrictions

(a) PROFIT AND STOCK.—The corporation may not engage in business for profit or issue stock.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation shall be nonpolitical and may not promote the candidacy of an individual seeking public office.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1470.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
220507(a)	36:378.	Sept. 21, 1950, ch. 975, title I, §§107, 108, as added Nov. 8, 1978, Pub. L. 95-606, §1(b), 92 Stat. 3048.
220507(b)	36:377.	