

(c) BINDING ARBITRATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Center may, in its discretion, utilize a neutral arbitration body and develop policies and procedures to resolve allegations of sexual abuse within its jurisdiction to determine the opportunity of any amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official, who is the subject of such an allegation, to participate in amateur athletic competition.

(2) PRESERVATION OF RIGHTS.—Nothing in this section shall be construed as altering, superseding, or otherwise affecting the right of an individual within the Center's jurisdiction to pursue civil remedies through the courts for personal injuries arising from abuse in violation of the Center's policies and procedures, nor shall the Center condition the participation of any such individual in a proceeding described in paragraph (1) upon an agreement not to pursue such civil remedies.

(d) LIMITATION ON LIABILITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), an applicable entity shall not be liable for damages in any civil action for defamation, libel, slander, or damage to reputation arising out of any action or communication, if the action arises from the execution of the responsibilities or functions described in this section, section 220542, or section 220543.

(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply in any action in which an applicable entity acted with actual malice, or provided information or took action not pursuant to this section, section 220542, or section 220543.

(3) DEFINITION OF APPLICABLE ENTITY.—In this subsection, the term “applicable entity” means—

- (A) the Center;
- (B) a national governing body;
- (C) a paralympic sports organization;
- (D) an amateur sports organization or other person sanctioned by a national governing body under section 220525;
- (E) an amateur sports organization reporting under section 220530;
- (F) any officer, employee, agent, or member of an entity described in subparagraph (A), (B), (C), (D), or (E); and
- (G) any individual participating in a proceeding pursuant to this section.

(Added Pub. L. 115-126, title II, §202(a), Feb. 14, 2018, 132 Stat. 320.)

§ 220542. Additional duties.¹

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Center shall—

(1) develop training, oversight practices, policies, and procedures for implementation by a national governing body or paralympic sports organization to prevent the abuse, including emotional, physical, and sexual abuse, of any amateur athlete; and

(2) include in the policies and procedures developed under section 220541(a)(3)—

- (A) a requirement that all adult members of a national governing body, a paralympic sports organization, or a facility under the

jurisdiction of a national governing body or paralympic sports organization, and all adults authorized by such members to interact with an amateur athlete, report immediately any allegation of child abuse of an amateur athlete who is a minor to—

(i) the Center, whenever such members or adults learn of facts leading them to suspect reasonably that an amateur athlete who is a minor has suffered an incident of child abuse; and

(ii) law enforcement consistent with section 226 of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990 (34 U.S.C. 20341);

(B) a mechanism, approved by a trained expert on child abuse, that allows a complainant to report easily an incident of child abuse to the Center, a national governing body, law enforcement authorities, or other appropriate authorities;

(C) reasonable procedures to limit one-on-one interactions between an amateur athlete who is a minor and an adult (who is not the minor's legal guardian) at a facility under the jurisdiction of a national governing body or paralympic sports organization without being in an observable and interruptible distance from another adult, except under emergency circumstances;

(D) procedures to prohibit retaliation, by any national governing body or paralympic sports organization, against any individual who makes a report under subparagraph (A) or subparagraph (B);

(E) oversight procedures, including regular and random audits conducted by subject matter experts unaffiliated with, and independent of, a national governing body or a paralympic sports organization of each national governing body and paralympic sports organization to ensure that policies and procedures developed under that section are followed correctly and that consistent training is offered and given to all adult members who are in regular contact with amateur athletes who are minors, and subject to parental consent, to members who are minors, regarding prevention of child abuse; and

(F) a mechanism by which a national governing body or paralympic sports organization can—

(i) share confidentially a report of suspected child abuse of an amateur athlete who is a minor by a member of a national governing body or paralympic sports organization, or an adult authorized by a national governing body, paralympic sports organization, or an amateur sports organization to interact with an amateur athlete who is a minor, with the Center, which in turn, may share with relevant national governing bodies, paralympic sports organizations, and other entities; and

(ii) withhold providing to an adult who is the subject of an allegation of child abuse authority to interact with an amateur athlete who is a minor until the resolution of such allegation.

(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the ability of

¹ So in original. The period probably should not appear.

a national governing body or paralympic sports organization to impose an interim measure to prevent an individual who is the subject of an allegation of sexual abuse from interacting with an amateur athlete prior to the Center exercising its jurisdiction over a matter.

(Added Pub. L. 115-126, title II, §202(a), Feb. 14, 2018, 132 Stat. 322.)

§ 220543. Records, audits, and reports

(a) RECORDS.—The Center shall keep correct and complete records of account.

(b) REPORT.—The Center shall submit an annual report to Congress, including—

- (1) an audit conducted and submitted in accordance with section 10101; and
- (2) a description of the activities of the Center.

(Added Pub. L. 115-126, title II, §202(a), Feb. 14, 2018, 132 Stat. 323.)

CHAPTER 2207—UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II

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§ 220701. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1479.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
220701	36:1813.	Nov. 20, 1981, Pub. L. 97-83, §14, 95 Stat. 1096.

The words “the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico” are omitted as included in “the territories and possessions of the United States”.

§ 220702. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—United States Submarine Veterans of World War II (in this chapter, the “corporation”), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in New Jersey and Colorado, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1479.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
220702(a)	36:1801.	Nov. 20, 1981, Pub. L. 97-83, §§1, 15 (last sentence), 16, 95 Stat. 1094, 1096.

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES—Continued

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
220702(b)	36:1814 (last sentence), 36:1815.	

This section is substituted for the source provisions for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

§ 220703. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its articles of incorporation and include—

- (1) preserving and promoting patriotism and loyalty to the United States of America;
- (2) perpetuating and establishing memorials to the memory of shipmates who served aboard United States submarines and gave their lives in submarine warfare during World War II;
- (3) promoting the spirit and unity that existed among the United States Navy submarine crewmen during World War II;
- (4) fostering general public awareness of life aboard submarines during World War II, through securing, restoring, and displaying the submarines that were in service at that time;
- (5) sponsoring annual college scholarships; and
- (6) performing acts of charity as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1479.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
220703	36:1803.	Nov. 20, 1981, Pub. L. 97-83, §3, 95 Stat. 1094.

Before clause (1), the words “objects” is omitted as included in “purposes”.

In clause (1), the words “preserving and promoting” are added for clarity.

§ 220704. Membership

Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1479.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
220704	36:1805.	Nov. 20, 1981, Pub. L. 97-83, §5, 95 Stat. 1094.

§ 220705. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.