

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
220528(a)	36:395(b)(1) (1st sentence).	Sept. 21, 1950, ch. 975, title II, §205(b)(1)–(4), as added Nov. 8, 1978, Pub. L. 95-606, §2, 92 Stat. 3056.
220528(b)	36:395(b)(1) (last sentence), (2) (2d sentence).	
220528(c)(1)	36:395(b)(1) (2d sentence).	
220528(c)(2)	36:395(b)(2) (1st, 3d, last sentences).	
220528(d)	36:395(b)(3) (1st–3d sentences).	
220528(e)	36:395(b)(3) (last sentence).	
220528(f)	36:395(b)(4) (1st sentence).	
220528(g)	36:395(b)(4) (last sentence).	

In subsection (c)(2), the word “also” is omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (d), the words “course of such” and “respective” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (e), before clause (1), the words “amateur sports organization” are omitted as unnecessary. In clause (2)(B), the words “the applicant” are substituted for “it” for clarity.

In subsection (f), before clause (1), the word “after” is substituted for “of” for consistency in the revised title. In clause (4), the words “decide to” are omitted as unnecessary. The words “for a period not exceeding” are substituted for “of not to exceed” for clarity.

In subsection (g), before clause (1), the words “with sections 220522, 220524, and 220525 of this title” are added, and the words “probationary period prescribed under subsection (f)(4) of this section” are substituted for “prescribed time period”, for clarity.

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AMENDMENTS

2020—Pub. L. 116-189, §7(a)(2)(A)(v), substituted “certification” for “recognition” wherever appearing, “certify” for “recognize” in two places, and “Certification” for “Recognition” in subsec. (g) heading.

Subsec. (c)(1)(A). Pub. L. 116-189, §4(a)(10)(A), which directed amendment of subpar. (A) of subsec. (c) by substituting “or in each of the Olympic Games, the Paralympic Games, the Pan-American Games, and the Parapan American Games” for “or in both the Olympic and Pan-American Games”, was executed to subpar. (A) of subsec. (c)(1), to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Subsec. (c)(1)(B). Pub. L. 116-189, §4(a)(10)(B), which directed the general amendment of subpar. (B) of subsec. (c), was executed to subpar. (B) of subsec. (c)(1), to reflect the probable intent of Congress. Prior to amendment, subpar. (B) read as follows: “any Pan-American Games, for a sport in which competition is held in the Pan-American Games but not in the Olympic Games.”

1998—Subsec. (c)(1)(A). Pub. L. 105-277, §142(p)(1), substituted “Olympic Games or the Paralympic Games, or in both” for “Olympic Games or both”.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 105-277, §142(p)(2), (3), substituted “certified” for “registered” and substituted “body and with any other organization that has filed an application.” for “body.”

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 105-277, §142(p)(4), (5), inserted “open to the public” after “formal hearing” and inserted after second sentence “The corporation also shall send written notice, including a copy of the application, at least 30 days prior to the date of the hearing to all amateur sports organizations known to the corporation in that sport.”

Subsec. (f)(4). Pub. L. 105-277, §142(p)(6), substituted “title and notify such national governing body of such probation and of the actions needed to comply with such requirements.” for “title.”

§ 220529. Arbitration of corporation determinations

(a) RIGHT TO REVIEW.—A party aggrieved by a determination of the corporation under section 220527 or 220528 of this title may obtain review by the arbitration and mediation provider designated by the corporation under section 220522(a)(4).

(b) PROCEDURE.—(1) A demand for arbitration must be submitted within 30 days after the determination of the corporation.

(2) On receipt of a demand for arbitration, the Association shall serve notice on the parties to the arbitration and on the corporation, and shall immediately proceed with arbitration according to the commercial rules of the Association in effect at the time the demand is filed, except that—

(A) the arbitration panel shall consist of at least 3 arbitrators, unless the parties to the proceeding agree to a lesser number;

(B) the arbitration hearing shall take place at a site selected by the Association, unless the parties to the proceeding agree to the use of another site; and

(C) the arbitration hearing shall be open to the public.

(3) A decision by the arbitrators shall be by majority vote unless the concurrence of all arbitrators is expressly required by the contesting parties.

(4) Each party may be represented by counsel or by any other authorized representative at the arbitration proceeding.

(5) The parties may offer any evidence they desire and shall produce any additional evidence the arbitrators believe is necessary to an understanding and determination of the dispute. The arbitrators shall be the sole judges of the relevancy and materiality of the evidence offered. Conformity to legal rules of evidence is not necessary.

(c) SETTLEMENT.—The arbitrators may settle a dispute arising under this chapter before making a final award, if agreed to by the parties and achieved in a manner not inconsistent with the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(d) BINDING NATURE OF DECISION.—Final decision of the arbitrators is binding on the parties if the award is not inconsistent with the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(e) REOPENING HEARINGS.—(1) At any time before a final decision is made, the hearings may be reopened by the arbitrators on their own motion or on the motion of a party.

(2) If the reopening is based on the motion of a party, and if the reopening would result in the arbitrators’ decision being delayed beyond the specific period agreed to at the beginning of the arbitration proceedings, all parties to the decision must agree to reopen the hearings.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1478; Pub. L. 116-189, §7(e), Oct. 30, 2020, 134 Stat. 960.)

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220529(b)(2)	36:395(c)(1) (last sentence).	
220529(b)(3)	36:395(c)(4).	
220529(b)(4)	36:395(c)(3) (1st sentence).	
220529(b)(5)	36:395(c)(3) (2d, last sentences).	
220529(c)	36:395(c)(2).	
220529(d)	36:395(c)(5).	
220529(e)	36:395(c)(6).	

In subsection (a), the reference to 36:391(c) is omitted because 36:391(c) is omitted as executed. See the revision note for section 220522 of the revised title. The words “may obtain review by” are substituted for “The right to review . . . shall be to” for clarity.

In subsection (b)(2)(A) and (B), the word “mutually” is omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (b)(4), the word “duly” is omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (c), the words “in any arbitration”, “the provisions of”, “mutually”, and “to the proceeding” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (d), the word “involved” is omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (e), the word “contesting” is omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (e)(2), the words “the reopening is based on the motion of a party” are substituted for “any contesting party makes such a motion” for clarity.

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AMENDMENTS

2020—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-189 substituted “the arbitration and mediation provider designated by the corporation under section 220522(a)(4)” for “any regional office of the American Arbitration Association”.

§ 220530. Other amateur sports organizations

(a) IN GENERAL.—An applicable amateur sports organization shall—

(1) comply with the reporting requirements of section 226 of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990 (34 U.S.C. 20341);

(2) establish reasonable procedures to limit one-on-one interactions, including communications, 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 the applicable amateur sports organization without being in an observable and interruptible distance from another adult, except under emergency circumstances;

(3) offer and provide consistent training 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 and reporting of child abuse to allow a complainant to report easily an incident of child abuse to appropriate persons; and

(4) prohibit retaliation, by the applicable amateur sports organization, against any individual who makes—

(A) a report under paragraph (1); or

(B) any other report relating to abuse of any amateur athlete, including emotional, physical, and sexual abuse.

(b) DEFINITION OF APPLICABLE AMATEUR SPORTS ORGANIZATION.—In this section, the term

“applicable amateur sports organization” means an amateur sports organization—

(1) that is not otherwise subject to the requirements under subchapter III;

(2) that participates in an interstate or international amateur athletic competition; and

(3) whose membership includes any adult who is in regular contact with an amateur athlete who is a minor.

(Added Pub. L. 115-126, title II, §204(a), Feb. 14, 2018, 132 Stat. 324; amended Pub. L. 116-189, §7(f), Oct. 30, 2020, 134 Stat. 960.)

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AMENDMENTS

2020—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 116-189, §7(f)(1), inserted “, including communications,” after “interactions”.

Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 116-189, §7(f)(2), substituted “makes—” and subpars. (A) and (B) for “makes a report under paragraph (1).”

SUBCHAPTER III¹—GRANT TO KEEP YOUNG ATHLETES SAFE

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CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 115-141, div. S, title III, §302(a), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1127, which directed the addition of subchapter III, consisting of section 220531, at the end of chapter 2205, was executed by adding such subchapter III after subchapter II of chapter 2205, to reflect the probable intent of Congress and the intervening addition of a subchapter III, consisting of sections 220541 to 220543, by Pub. L. 115-126, title II, §202(a), Feb. 14, 2018, 132 Stat. 320.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-141, div. S, title III, §302(a), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1127, added subchapter heading.

§ 220531. Grant to protect young athletes from abuse

(a) AUTHORITY.—The Attorney General may award a grant to an eligible nonprofit nongovernmental entity in order to support oversight of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee and each national governing body with regard to safeguarding amateur athletes against abuse, including emotional, physical, and sexual abuse in sports.

(b) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a nonprofit nongovernmental entity shall submit an application to the Attorney General at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Attorney General may require, including information that demonstrates that the entity has—

(1) nationally recognized expertise in preventing and investigating emotional, physical, and sexual abuse in the athletic programs of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee and each national governing body; and

(2) the capacity to oversee regular and random audits to ensure that the policies and procedures used by the United States Olympic

¹ Another subchapter III is set out following this subchapter.