

**TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT**  
**DIVISION 9: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**§ 9515. General Duties of National Federations.**

(a) Develop interest and participation throughout the Commonwealth and be responsible to the persons and sports organizations it represents;

(b) Minimize, through coordination with other sports organizations, conflicts in the scheduling of all practices and competitions;

(c) Keep athletes informed of policy matters and reasonably reflect the views of the athletes in its policy decisions;

(d) Disseminate and distribute to athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials in a timely manner the applicable rules and any changes to such rules of the national federation, the corporation, the appropriate international sports federation, the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, the International University Sports Federation, the Pacific Games Council, the Micronesian Games Council, and any other international multi-sport organization with which it is affiliated or in whose competitions the Northern Mariana Islands participates;

(e) Allow an athlete to compete in any international athletic competition conducted by any sports organization or person, unless the national governing body establishes that its denial is based on evidence that the organization or person conducting the competition does not meet the requirements stated in section 17 of this act;\*

(f) Provide equitable support and encouragement for participation by women where separate programs for male and female athletes are conducted;

(g) Encourage and support sports programs for individuals with disabilities and the participation of individuals with disabilities in athletic activity, including, where feasible, the expansion of opportunities for meaningful participation by individuals with disabilities in programs of athletic competition for able-bodied individuals;

(h) Provide and coordinate technical information on physical training, equipment design, coaching, and performance analysis; and

(i) Encourage and support research, development, and dissemination of information in the areas of sports medicine and sports safety.

\* So in original. See Commission Comment.

**Source:** PL 18-49 § 3(114) (May 7, 2014).

**Commission Comment:** PL 18-49 did not contain a section 17, referenced in subsection (e).