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**§ 9516. Granting Sanctions for Amateur Athletic Competitions.**

(a) Prompt review and decision. For the sport that it governs, a national federation promptly shall:

(1) Review a request by a sports organization or person for a sanction to hold an international athletic competition in the Commonwealth or to sponsor Commonwealth athletes to compete in international athletic competition outside the Commonwealth; and

(2) Grant the sanction if:

(A) The national federation does not decide by clear and convincing evidence that holding or sponsoring an international amateur athletic competition would be detrimental to the best interest of the sport; and

(B) The requirements of subsection (b) of this section are met.

(b) Requirements. A sports organization or person may be granted a sanction under this section only if the organization or person meets the following requirements:

(1) The organization or person must pay the national federation any required sanctioning fee, if the fee is reasonable and nondiscriminatory.

(2) For a sanction to hold an international athletic competition in the Commonwealth, the organization or person must, on request of the national federation:

(A) Submit to the national federation an audited or notarized financial report of similar events, if any, conducted by the organization or person; and

(B) Demonstrate that the requirements of paragraph (4) of this subsection have been met.

(3) For a sanction to sponsor Commonwealth athletes to compete in international athletic competition outside the Commonwealth, the organization or person must:

(A) Submit a report of the most recent trip to a foreign country, if any, that the organization or person sponsored for the purpose of having Commonwealth amateur athletes compete in international athletic competition; and

(B) Submit a letter from the appropriate entity that will hold the international athletic competition certifying that the requirements of paragraph (4) of this subsection have been met.

(4) The requirements referred to in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection are that:

(A) Appropriate measures have been taken to protect the amateur status of amateur athletes who will take part in the competition and to protect their eligibility to compete in amateur athletic competition;

(B) Appropriate provision has been made for validation of any records established during the competition;

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- (C) Due regard has been given to any international athletic requirements specifically applicable to the competition;
- (D) The competition will be conducted by qualified officials;
- (E) Proper medical supervision will be provided for athletes who will participate in the competition; and
- (F) Proper safety precautions have been taken to protect the personal welfare of the athletes and spectators at the competition.

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