

On the basis of the second paragraph of Article 238 of the Statute of the University of Ljubljana (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, Nos. 8/2005 to 83/2013) and in accordance with the provisions of the Higher Education Act (67/1993 to 109/2012), Senate of the Faculty of Sport of the University of Ljubljana, has adopted at its second regular meeting on February 7th, 2014

## **REGULATION ON SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF EDUCATION FOR CATEGORIZED ATHLETES AND CATEGORIZED COACHES OF THE FACULTY OF SPORT**

### **I. BASIC PROVISIONS**

#### **Article 1**

This Regulation governs the adaptation of study requirements for students of the first and second cycle study programmes at the Faculty of Sport of Ljubljana (hereinafter referred to as: FS).

The Regulation on Special Conditions of Education for Categorized Athletes and Categorized Athlete Coaches – students of FS (hereinafter referred to as: Regulation) comprehends detailed provisions on:

- criteria for obtaining and establishing the student status - athlete or student - coach on the basis of definition and categorization of Olympic Committee of Slovenia (hereinafter referred to as: OCS), National Sports Associations as defined in Conditions, Regulations and Criteria for Registration and Categorization of Athletes in the Republic of Slovenia.
- rights and obligations of categorized athletes and coaches during their study at FS, special conditions of education and authorities bodies to decide on rights, obligations and special conditions, on the basis of this Regulation provisions.

### **II. CRITERIA FOR ESTABLISHING STATUS**

#### **Article 2**

For the status of categorized athlete or of categorized Athlete - coach at FS, those students who have obtained one of the following OCS categorizations may apply:

- world-class athlete
- international-class athlete
- promising-class athlete
- national-class athlete
- the youth-class athlete

Students who apply for coach status must prove by certificates of National Sports Federation and of trained athlete, that they train an athlete who has achieved one of the above nomination titles. They have to attach these certificates to their application for obtaining the status. They must also attach the certificate of their professional competence.

The basic official document for establishing the credibility of the attained title of the individual applicant is the list of categorized athletes published by Committee for Competitive Sport on the website [www.olympic.si](http://www.olympic.si), three times a year. The athlete, who has already got categorization, should attach the printed website where his categorization is published, to his application.

When an athlete has got the categorization, but it has not been published on the above mentioned website yet, he should attach the certificate of categorization, which at his request is issued to him by The Committee for Competitive Sport of OCS.

The status of categorized athlete may be claimed also by expatriate and foreign students of FS and disabled students, who meet conditions in accordance with the criteria of National Sports Association or Sports Federation for the Disabled of Slovenia, which are identical to the conditions as listed in the Conditions, Regulations and Criteria for Registration and Categorization of Athletes in the Republic of Slovenia. Expatriate and foreign students as well as disabled students have to attach an application on the prescribed form and a relevant certificate of National Sports Association or umbrella federation and club, which they represent.. More detailed provisions can be found in the document »Conditions, Regulations and Criteria for Registration and Categorization of Athletes in the Republic of Slovenia«.

### III. STATUS ALLOCATION PROCEDURE

#### Article 3

The students who wish to get the status of student (athlete or student – coach), have to apply for it on the prescribed form, namely:

- until October 10th, if they have already obtained the status of categorized athlete at OCS by then.
- no later than February 28th of the current study year, if they have obtained the status of categorized athlete later (after October 10th).

The students may apply for higher status during the year, if they have obtained higher categorization during the study year.

Students–athletes or students–coaches are considered students with status in the current study year, from and including the first study year ahead on, who qualify for the status, according to the OCS categorization based criteria for obtaining status of categorized athletes (or, who function as coaches of categorized athletes).

On the basis of reasoned recommendation of the competent National Sports Association, the Commission for Study Affairs can approve special conditions of education also to those students of FS, whose competitive

sports activities or coaching commitments are such, that they prevent them from normal fulfilment of the study obligations.

#### **Article 4**

On the basis of the application with all required certificates, student - athlete or student - coach can get one of the following three statuses:

- Status A: goes to world-class and international-class athletes and to world-class and international-class athlete coaches.
- Status B: goes to promising-class athletes and to promising-class athlete coaches
- Status C: goes to national-class and youth-class athletes and to national-class and youth-class athlete coaches

Exceptionally, the particular status goes to student - athlete or student - coach also when student does not qualify for one of the above mentioned statuses, if the Commission for Study Affairs decides so on the basis of objective reasons or circumstances. Exceptionally, the status can go also to athletes, who prove large amounts of coaching obligations and achieve acclaimed sport results, but have no categorization. Students can prove their coaching and competitory obligations with a certificate of the National Sports Association.

Athletes and coaches mark the requested status on the application form, with which they apply for the status.

#### **Article 5**

The assignment of the Student Status (athlete or student - coach) is decided by a decision of the Commission for Study Affairs.

#### **Article 6**

On the basis of submitted applications, mentor formulates proposals for athletes to be assigned the status athlete /coach, which are discussed by the Commission for Study Affairs thereafter.

The Commission for Study Affairs confirms and announces the list of students-athletes and students-coaches. The list is made public and forwarded to all pedagogical staff, Secretariat and Office for Study Affairs of FS.

Each student to whom special conditions of education were approved, gets this approval officially recorded in electronic index, for each study year separately, in the Office for Study Affairs.

#### **Article 7**

The Commission for Study Affairs assigns status to student - athlete or student - coach for one study year. However, on the reasonable grounds status may be assigned only for a limited time in the study year.

## Article 8

An applicant, who has no status of categorized athlete according to OCS criteria, has to submit, in addition to the application on the prescribed form, an application which comprehends argumentation and complete documentation as determined in Article 4 of this Regulation.

## IV. RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF EDUCATION

### Article 9

Rights and obligations of the students of FS, who on the basis of obtained status exercise special conditions of education under the provisions of Article 2 of this Regulation, are:

**Status A** (world-class and international-class athletes and world-class and international-class athlete coaches)

- they must attend at least half of the prescribed pedagogical process at each subject; to achieve this, an athlete must also submit a plan of season. In so far as it is evident from the plan, that he would not comply with this condition during regular pedagogical process, a special implementation of the process is designed for him in agreement with holders of the subjects (for example: in concised form of courses – summer schools, individual work...)
- conditions for advancement to the next year:  
  
for the second year: 20 credits collected from the first year  
  
for the third year: 80 credits collected
- conditions for repeating a year: at least half of the conditions collected, which are otherwise required for advancement to the next year;
- students of status A have the right to extended student status once during the study at each level of the study.

**Status B** (promising–class athletes and promising-class athlete coaches)

- they must attend at least half of the prescribed pedagogical process in each subject; to achieve this, an athlete must also submit a plan of season. In so far as it is evident from the plan, that he would not comply with this condition during regular pedagogical process, exceptionally, in agreement with holders of the subjects, other appropriate forms of processing the subject shall be found for him.
- conditions for advancement to the next year:  
  
for the second year: 36 credits collected from the first year  
  
for the third year: 96 credits collected

- conditions for repeating a year: at least half of the conditions collected, which are otherwise required for advancement to the next year;
- students of status B have the right to extend student status once during the study at each level of the study.

**Status C** (national-class and youth-class athletes and athletes who prove large amounts of coaching obligations but have no categorization, and national-class and youth-class athlete coaches)

- they must attend at least two-thirds of the prescribed pedagogical process at each subject;
- conditions for advancement to the next year:  
for the second year: 46 credits collected from the first year  
for the third year: 106 credits collected
- conditions for repeating a year: at least half of the conditions collected, which are otherwise required for advancement to the next year;

Conditions for advancement may be changed on the basis of the Commission for Study Affairs decision or Senate of FS decision at the beginning of study year or at changes of study programme.

The Commission for Study Affairs appoints mentor of students-athletes and students-coaches at the beginning of each study year, whose mission is to give assistance to athletes and coaches of the statuses A, B or C by coordinating their sporting and study obligations, for example: looking for appropriate exam dates, permission for attending exercises from previous years, changing of exercises at individual subject for more favourable schedule, etc.

Mentor is the link between athletes and implementers of pedagogical process. He assists in coordination of study and sporting obligations of student - athlete or student - coach. Athlete mentor's name has to be published on FS websites.

Mentor assists pedagogical staff in searching for optimal ways for student's fulfilment of study obligations and in searching for adapted forms of study (such as: distance learning, undertaking practical activities in hometown or local environment etc.) If necessary, mentor establishes the individual programme of education for students-athletes or students-coaches.

Each student who was assigned the status of student - athlete or student – coach, is obliged to his mentor to submit the plan of season and to report absences due to preparations, competitions etc.

### **Article 10**

Students with approved status of athlete / coach are not obliged to submit apologies to their professors for the absence, which belongs to them because of certain status. Regarding any further absence, professor himself considers its eligibility.

### **Article 11**

In agreement with student the holder of the subject determines taking an exam outside of tendered exam period, which however has to be inside the current study year, to students-athletes and students-coaches who could not have been able or would not be able to take exams in regular exam period from justifiable reasons (injuries, competitions, preparations abroad ...).

The way of determining irregular exam periods is defined by Regulation on Examination and Evaluation of Knowledge, Examination Rules and Advancement FS.

### **Article 12**

In the case that student who has got the status commits an act, which is indicated as easier or serious violation in Regulation on Disciplinary Responsibility of the Students of the University of Ljubljana, the student loses the rights derived from status.

### **Article 13**

Complaints for disregarding agreed rights or obligations derived from the status are judged by Vice-Dean for Education.

Vice-Dean for Education decides about complaints within fourteen days of receipt of written legitimate reason.

About the complaint against Vice-Dean' for Education's decision, under this Regulation decides the Senate of FS.

The decision of the Senate is final.

### **Article 14**

When it is found in the procedure that FS is the one, who has not fulfilled the agreed commitments, FS is obliged to provide student - athlete or student - coach with a new opportunity to do his obligations or to recognize student's right in some other way.

## **V. TERMINATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF STATUS**

### **Article 15**

Student - athlete's or student - coach's status shall terminate:

- at his wish or request;
- when time, for which the status is assigned to him, expires;
- if his student status ceases;
- if he loses status of categorized athletes according to the Law on Sport;
- if he successfully completes his study;

- if his student status expires;
- if he is excluded from university;
- in case, that Senate dismisses complaints from Article 13 of this Regulation.

#### **Article 16**

When student - athlete or student - coach through his own fault does not fulfil the agreed commitments, FS may withdraw his status. Vice-Dean for Education at FS delivers opinions about facts and circumstances related to not fulfilling obligations.

The withdrawal of the status in the first instance is decided by the Commission for Study Affairs. Against the decision of this Commission the appeal is possible to Senate of FS as second-instance body, which brings the final decision on the matter.

## **VI. FINAL PROVISION**

#### **Article 17**

This Regulation was adopted by the Senate of Faculty of Sport at its regular meeting February 7th, 2014 and shall take effect in the academic year 2014/15.

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