

ment does not represent any material profit, direct or indirect, for the athlete.

This definition is based upon the loyalty of the athletes and the honesty of the officials.

Prior to the opening of the Games the athletes as well as the officials must declare under oath that the competitor has observed the rules of amateurism of his Association and that he is an amateur in accordance with the definition of the International Olympic Committee.

The Executive Committee of the F. I. F. A. attaches the utmost importance to the observation of these rules not solely in their literal sense but also in their spirit.

The special attention of the national Associations is drawn to the importance of the oath, and their obligation to make sure that their athletes are amateurs of good faith.

In order to stress the importance of these new regulations we are quoting hereafter some examples.

Excluded from the participation in the Games are all athletes having received premiums-based on the result of matches-or payment for practising or teaching football.

We underline again that it is the good faith which governs the question. Any loss of salary may only be reimbursed if the player has actually suffered a loss, and to the extent of such loss. For instance a bachelor who does not support any member of his family cannot claim the total amount of his lost salary in the case of a journey, in so far as his full expenses are reimbursed to him by his Association or his club.

A player who accepts a situation for which he receives a salary without working for it is not an amateur.

The I. O. C. admits that athletes can be requalified, but such requalification granted on the eve of the Games in view of a participation is inadmissible.

Not the least doubt must exist as regards the amateur-qualification of all participants in the Olympic Tournament.

In the name of the Executive Committee

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To the affiliated Associations

GENTLEMEN,

The International Olympic Committee having adopted in June 1947 a new definition of amateurism to be applied to the football Tournament of the XIV. Olympiad in London on July/August 1948, the Executive Committee of the F. I. F. A. consider it necessary to remind the National Associations of this definition and to draw their special attention to the importance of same.

We are giving you herebelow this definition.

An amateur is one whose connection with sport is and always has been solely for pleasure and for the physical and moral benefits he derives therefrom without material gain of any kind, direct or indirect.

This definition is liberal in so far as it admits the reimbursement of actually lost salary and of real expenses of the athlete.

In fact if the amount paid to the athlete covers his actual expenses or the loss of salary, such reimburse-