

About the protection of Olympic emblems in United States of America

On September 21st. 1950 a Law has passed by the 81st. Congress of the United States incorporating the U. S. Olympic Association.

Amongst the various Sections of this Act we find under N^r. 9 that it gives protection of the Olympic emblems to the National Olympic Association of this country. We wish to publish this Section of that Law as we consider it as being most important and interesting for other National Olympic Committees:

« SEC. 9. That from and after the passage of this Act, it shall be unlawful for any person within the jurisdiction of the United States to falsely or fraudulently hold himself out as or represent or pretend himself to be a member of or an agent for the United States Olympic Association or its subordinate organizations for the purpose of soliciting, collecting, or receiving money or material; or for any person to wear or display the insignia thereof for the fraudulent purpose of inducing the belief that he is at such time a member of or an agent for the United States Olympic Association or its subordinate organizations. It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation, or association, other than the United States Olympic Association or its subordinate organizations and its duly authorized employees and agents for the purpose of trade, theatrical exhibition, athletic performance, and competition or as an

advertisement to induce the sale of any article whatsoever or attendance at any theatrical exhibition, athletic performance, and competition or for any business or charitable purpose to use within the territory of the United States of America and its exterior possessions, the emblems of the United States Olympic Association consisting of an escutcheon having a blue chief and vertically extending alternate red and white bars on the base with five interlocked rings displayed on the chief, or any other sign or insignia made or colored in imitation thereof, or the words « Olympic », « Olympiad », or « Citius Altius Fortius » or any combination of these words: Provided, however. That any person, corporation, or association that actually used, or whose assignor actually used, the said emblem, sign, insignia, or words for any lawful purpose prior to the effective date of this Act, shall not be deemed forbidden by this Act to continue the use thereof for the same purpose and for the same class or classes of goods to which said emblem, sign, insignia, or words had been used lawfully prior theret. If any person violates the provision of this section he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in any Federal court shall be liable to fine of not less than 100 dollars or more than 500 dollars or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 1 year, or both, for each and every offense. »