

**CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS,
ALL NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE I.O.C.**

Our attention has been called to several cases in various countries where funds have been or are being raised to provide special awards such as automobiles or houses for victorious Olympic competitors. The most recent instance is in Brazil where it is reported that a newspaper is sponsoring a campaign to raise money to buy a home for the Olympic hop-step and jump champion, Ferreira da Silva. (In fact this house has been offered to his mother.)

The Olympic definition of an amateur, Rule No. 38, is as follows:

« An amateur is one who participates and always has participated in sport solely for pleasure and for the physical, mental or social benefits he derives therefrom, and to whom participation in sport is nothing more than recreation without material gain direct or indirect and in accordance with the rules of the International Federation concerned. »

Any competitor who accepts special prizes or awards of this kind, either in cash or otherwise, loses his amateur standing and becomes ineligible for Olympic competition.

Inasmuch as this does not seem to be generally understood it might be helpful if each International Federation and each National Olympic Committee not only sent notices to all its members but also to the newspapers. If wide publicity is given to this subject it may be possible to avoid embarrassing situations in the future.

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