

RULES FOR REGIONAL GAMES

In order to enjoy the patronage of the International Olympic Committee, and to be permitted to display the Olympic Flag, Regional Games must be conducted in accordance with the following minimum requirements:

1. — The Games must be restricted to amateurs. They must not extend over a period of more than 15 days.

2. — Contestants must belong to National Federations which are members of International Federations and participating countries

must have National Olympic Committees recognised by the International Olympic Committee.

3. — In order to further the high ideals of the Olympic Movement (which these Games should serve, according to Baron de Coubertin, who suggested that they be organized to supplement the Olympic Games), the Games should be confined to athletic sports controlled by International Federations recognised by the International Olympic Committee. They should not be held in

conjunction with other events such as fairs or Exhibitions, and no other athletic event of importance should be held at the same time.

4. — They must not be held within the period of twelve months following or preceding the Olympic Games. They must not be held more frequently than once in four years in the same region. Entries must be limited to the region designated.

5. — The ceremonies in connection with the Games may be similar to, but must not be identical with those of the Olympic Games. There must be no extraneous events connected with the Games, particularly those of a political nature. The loud speaker must be used for sport purposes only and no political speeches are to be permitted. In fact there must be no commercial or political intervention whatsoever.

6. — Control of all of the technical arrangements for the Games, including the appointment of the juries and the officials, must be in the hands of the International Federations. Provision must be made for the presence of a representative of each International Federation whose sport is on the program, sufficiently in advance of the opening of the Games to insure that the facilities are adequate and in order, and that the regulations for that sport are being followed.

7. — There must be an International Court of Appeal similar to that described in Olympic Rule No. 49 for the purpose only of settling any matter of dispute outside the

control of the respective International Federation.

8. — The rules and regulations of the Games must be submitted to the I. O. C., and to each of the International Federations concerned, for approval. They should be furnished in two (French and English) or more languages so that all participants may be fully informed.

9. — Provision must be made for the presence of a representative of the I. O. C., who shall prepare a complete report of the Games for the I. O. C.

10. — The words « Olympic » and « Olympiad », the five rings and the Olympic motto *CITIUS ALTIUS FORTIUS*, must not be used in any manner in connection with Regional Games. Also, there must be no torch relay or flame used. The Olympic flag may be used only in one place and that is in the Stadium on a flag pole alongside the center pole bearing the flag of the Games.

11. — The organization, the fields, the buildings and all other facilities should be ready at least a year before the Games.

12. — Countries which are eligible to participate in the Games of a particular region may organize themselves into a regional federation or similar entity and appoint a governing council or committee which may include members of the International Olympic Committee of that region, and representatives of the International Federations.

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