

# Concerning rule 26

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*Mr. Jorge B. VARGAS, Member of the International Olympic Committee for the Philippines, has sent us a copy of his letter to Mr. Avery BRUNDAGE, President of the I.O.C., asking for it to be published. We are very pleased to do so.*

"I am pleased to return herewith, duly marked with my favourable vote, the ballot you have circularized to the Members of the International Olympic Committee in your letter of March 17th, 1971, quoting in full the new Eligibility Rule No. 26, as unanimously approved by the Executive Board on March 14th, 1971.

"Assuming this new rule to be surely overwhelmingly adopted by the International Olympic Committee Members, I have already crossed out, from the printed copy of the "1971 Olympic Rules and Regulations" I have received recently from Lausanne, all the portions affected by the new rule and noted your accompanying instructions regarding pages 44-48.

"I am personally and particularly pleased with paragraph IV of the new Eligibility Rule No. 26 because I hope that this rule, as now phrased, may eventually cause the final and complete divorcement of amateur Olympism from its unholy, though perhaps financially advantageous collaboration, not to say conjunction with, professional football, skiing, cycling and other money-making sports and spectacles conducted by professional or business people on an international basis, purely or largely for financial gain or profit.

"As one already very old in years in the Olympic Movement and possibly destined to retire very soon, I must add a final word to this my favourable vote on "Olympic Amateurism"-my genuinely heartfelt message of congratulations to you personally for your unrelenting indefatigable and dynamic leadership in the great and noble task of preserving and continuing, for all time to come (I hope), the Olympic Movement in its pristine purity of amateurism or pure love of sports, as originally envisaged and enunciated to the world by its modern founder, the immortal Frenchman, Baron Pierre de COUBERTIN..."

