

# **PAN AMERICAN REGULATION**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

The PASO Statute, approved by the XLII General Assembly, in its Article I, establishes as one of the main objectives of the Organization the celebration and conduct of the Pan American Games. Likewise, Article IV, paragraph 3, provides: To ensure the quadrennial celebration of the Pan American Games; and to regulate and to supervise their organization in accordance with this Statute, the Regulations of the Pan American Games and the Olympic Charter; and paragraph 4 of this same Article points out: To maintain close relations with the Pan American Sports Confederations or Pan American Organizations involved in the sport development of the Americas and to coordinate the technical aspects of their competitions during the Pan American Games, according to this Statute and the Regulations of the Pan American Games.

In view of the above, it is necessary to put into force the new Regulations of the Pan American Games, which include the definitions established in the PASO Statute; the technical updating of the current rules for each of the sports considered in the Games' Program and those aspects of the Olympic Charter that are relevant for the organization and development of the Pan American Games.

The Regulations of the Pan American Games constitute the rules, procedures and obligations that all the Members of PASO, the Pan American Sports Confederations or equivalent sports organizations that develop similar functions and the Organizing Committee of the Games should fulfill, with the purpose, accepted and declared, of guaranteeing efficiency and quality in the organization of the Games and that the highest Olympic Values prevail in the most important sports event in the Americas. Every sports organization that participates or is related to the Games has the obligation of respecting, complying with and fulfilling, within its jurisdiction, the Regulations of the Pan American Games.

In fulfillment of the faculty that the PASO Statute grants to it, in Article XVI, paragraph 14, which reads: "To approve and amend without retroactive effect, the Regulations of the Pan American Games and report these amendments to the next General Assembly of PASO", the PASO Executive Committee approves the following:

## **REGULATIONS**

### **SECTION I OBJECTIVES:**

- 1.** To establish the rules through which all the issues regarding the organization of the Pan American Games are strictly fulfilled.
- 2.** To define all the organizational, technical and general logistic aspects that must be complied with in the preparation stage of the Games as well as during their celebration.
- 3.** To control and guarantee that the Organizing Committee fulfills its obligations and provides proper conditions, from the equipment, organizational and technical point of view, so the Pan American Games are successfully held, for the benefit of the athletes and the Members of PASO.
- 4.** To establish a proper framework to coordinate all factors that the organization of the Games involves, defining and harmonizing the responsibilities of each party, for the interest and benefit of the Games, the athletes and the rest of the participants.
- 5.** To respect the general principles established by the International Olympic Committee for the organization of the Olympic Games and adopt, where it is convenient to do so, their application in the Pan American Games, particularly regarding the organizational concept,

technical rules of each sport, the fight against doping, fair play, humanistic and solidarity spirit, respect for the environment and the promotion of the Olympic image that should characterize the Pan American Games, recognizing at all times that the Pan American Sports Organization is the authority of last resort on any question regarding the Pan American Games.

6. To ensure that the Regulations will be respected by the Members of PASO, their athletes and official representatives and the Organizing Committee, as well as by the International Federations and/or Pan American Sports Confederations or sports organizations that develop similar functions and all other duly accredited participant in the Pan American Games.

## **SECTION II PROGRAM OF THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES:**

1. A Draft of the Sports Program for the Games will be prepared by the PASO Technical Commission and approved by the PASO Executive Committee, in order to be delivered to the candidate cities to host the Pan American Games once the candidature process begins, so these cities can evaluate their possibilities to carry it out totally.

2. Once PASO has elected the city that will organize the Games, the PASO Technical Commission shall have the responsibility of presenting a proposal to the PASO Executive Committee of the sports, disciplines and events that are recommended to be included in the Program of the Pan American Games. This proposal shall be elaborated in coordination with the Organizing Committee, the Member of PASO host of the Games and the Pan American Sports Confederations and/or International Federations. The Technical Commission shall submit the Draft of the Pan American Games Program to the PASO Executive Committee for its approval.

3. The Draft of the Pan American Games Program, shall take the following factors as a basis:

3.1 All the sports, disciplines and events included in the Program of next Olympic Games Program.

3.2 Those sports that consider the Pan American Games as an event for Olympic qualification. The PASO Executive Committee, in coordination with the corresponding International Federation and/or Pan American Sports Confederation, may establish other alternatives by which the athlete's and teams' results in the Pan American Games are related to the their participation in the next Olympic Games.

3.3 Those sports, disciplines and events whose International Federation and/or Pan American Sports Confederation has achieved an adequate level in the development of their activities in the Americas.

3.4 Those sports and events with the largest participation and popularity in the Americas.

3.5 Those sports in which both men and women participate.

4. The Program shall include the sports currently considered in the Program of the next Olympic Games:

4.1 Sports on the Olympic Program (28 sports)

- ARCHERY - Men and Women
- ATHLETICS - Men and Women
- BADMINTON - Men and Women
- BASEBALL - Men

- BASKETBALL - Men and Women
- BOXING - Men
- CANOEING - Men and Women
- CYCLING - Men and Women
- EQUESTRIAN - Men and Women
- FENCING - Men and Women
- FIELD HOCKEY - Men and Women
- FOOTBALL - Men and Women
- GYMNASTICS - Men and Women
- HANDBALL - Men and Women
- JUDO - Men and Women
- MODERN PENTATHLON - Men and Women
- ROWING - Men and Women
- SHOOTING - Men and Women
- SOFTBALL - Women
- SWIMMING - Men and Women
- TABLE TENNIS - Men and Women
- TAEKWONDO - Men and Women
- TENNIS - Men and Women
- TRIATHLON - Men and Women
- VOLLEYBALL - Men and Women
- WEIGHTLIFTING - Men and Women
- WRESTLING - Men and Women
- SAILING - Men and Women

**4.2** The disciplines and events of each Olympic sport will be, without exception, the same ones approved by the International Olympic Committee for the Olympic Games that are held immediately after the Pan American Games.

**4.3** The sports, disciplines and events may be modified by the International Olympic Committee. If this was the case, the list of sports in paragraph 4.1 shall be modified accordingly.

**5.** For a non-Olympic sport to be eligible to be included in the Program of the Pan American Games, its International Federation must be recognized by PASO; at least twenty (20) Members of PASO must have recognized their corresponding National Federation and the Statute of the sport's Pan American Sports Confederation and the International Federation must have been presented to the PASO Technical Commission, together with a detailed description of the sport's activities in the Americas. The PASO Technical Commission will review these documents and then make a recommendation to the PASO Executive Committee.

**6.** In order for a non-Olympic sport to be eligible to be included in the Program of the Pan American Games, it must be recognized by the PASO General Assembly at least a year before the approval of the definitive Program of the Games; this means it should be officially recognized at least four (4) years before the opening of the Pan American Games.

**7.** The PASO Executive Committee may consider the possibility to include, in the Program of the Pan American Games, those sports that are recognized by PASO and that are not part of the Program of the Olympic Games but that have a tradition of participating in the Pan American Games. For this inclusion to be possible, the following procedure will be applied:

**7.1** The Pan American Sports Confederation and/or International Federation interested in having its sport included in the program of the Pan American Games should make the corresponding request to the PASO Executive Committee at least 4 years before the opening of the event. This request should be duly justified and should clearly express the commitment

to collaborate and support PASO and the Organizing Committee in the organization of the competitions of its specific sport.

**7.2** The PASO Executive Committee shall analyze the requests presented by the Pan American Sports Confederations and/or the International Federations, taking into account the significance of the sport or sports in the host country, the development achieved in the continent and the cooperation provided to PASO's development plans.

**7.3** The PASO Executive Committee shall evaluate together with the Organizing Committee the proposal(s) of inclusion in the program of the Pan American Games of the sport or sports recognized by PASO. The agreement adopted by the Organizing Committee and PASO to this respect shall be final and obligatory to the Pan American Sports Confederations and/or the International Federations whose sports receive a favorable decision.

**7.4** The final decision regarding the inclusion of recognized non Olympic sports shall be informed to the Members of PASO at the General Assembly in which the competition program for the Games approved by the Executive Committee is informed, as provided in numeral 9 of this Section.

**7.5** The procedure established in these Regulations shall be applied in the organization of each edition of the Pan American Games. The inclusion of a determined recognized non Olympic sport in an edition of the Games does not imply any priority or precedence at the moment the program of the Pan American Games is analyzed.

**8.** There will be no demonstration sports, disciplines or events at the Pan American Games.

**9.** The Program (sports, disciplines and events) of the Pan American Games shall be approved by the PASO Executive Committee at least three (3) years before the Opening of the Pan American Games. Under exceptional situations, the Executive Committee may decide to modify the period to approve the Program of the Pan American Games.

**10.** Following approval by the PASO Executive Committee and of each International Federation and/or Pan American Sports Confederation, the Organizing Committee will publish the Technical Manual for each sport, at least one year in advance of the Pan American Games, and will distribute the Manuals of all the sports to the PASO Office, each Member, the Executive Committee and will deliver sport-specific copies to each Pan American Sports Confederation.

**11.** During the process of elaborating the Technical Manuals of each sport and the construction and outfitting of facilities for the celebration of the Pan American Games, the Organizing Committee will duly and systematically inform, to the Chairman of the PASO Technical Commission, of the following matters, among others:

**11.1** All visits of International Federations and/or Pan American Sports Confederations to the site of the Pan American Games, as well as the comments or information regarding the technical organization of their specific sport.

**11.2** The updated names, mail and e-mail addresses, telephone and fax numbers of the representatives of the International Federations and/or Pan American Sports Confederations appointed to liaise with the Organizing Committee of the Pan American Games.

**11.3** Copies of appropriate correspondence of the Organizing Committee with the National Sports Federations, the International Federations and/or the Pan American Sports Confederations regarding the technical aspects of their specific sport.

### **SECTION III COMPETITIONS OF THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES:**

**1.** The competitions of the Pan American Games shall be considered official only if, within ninety (90) days in advance of the start of the Pan American Games, the final entries by number are submitted and the following conditions are complied with:

**1.1** For individual sports, a minimum of eight (8) NOCs must have submitted entries.

**1.2** For team sports, either men's or women's, a minimum of five (5) NOCs must have submitted entries.

**1.3** For individual sports, where there is more than one individual and team event, a minimum of five (5) NOCs must have submitted entries.

**2.** If the minimal conditions outlined in paragraph (1) above have not been complied with at the time when final entries by name are required (15 to 21 days prior to the Opening of the Games), then the sport, discipline or event will not be held and the Organizing Committee, previous consultation with PASO, will inform the decision to the NOCs who had submitted entries, within the next 24 hours after the decision is taken.

**3.** The maximum number of entries shall be:

**3.1** In men team events, one (1) team for each Member of PASO, to a maximum of ten (10) teams in the following sports or events: basketball, field hockey, handball, volleyball (indoor and beach), water polo, baseball and football.

**3.2** In women team events, one (1) team for each Member of PASO, to a maximum of eight (8) teams in the following sports or events: basketball, field hockey, handball, softball, synchronized swimming, volleyball (indoor and beach), football and water polo.

**3.3** The appropriate International Federation and/or Pan American Sports Confederation shall determine, when necessary, the method for the selection of the teams which shall participate in the Pan American Games within the numerical limits prescribed by these Regulations. The method or procedure to be used shall:

- Provide reasonable and equal opportunities to all the Members of PASO;
- Absolute respect to the eligibility requirements established in the PASO Statute;
- Not discriminate or limit the rights of any Member of PASO;
- Representation from the host country, both in individual and team competitions.

The PASO Executive Committee may withdraw from the Program of the Pan American Games any team sport whose selection procedure does not comply with the requirements mentioned in this item.

**3.4** The number of entries in individual events shall not exceed three (3) per NOC. The PASO Executive Committee may grant exceptions if the circumstances require so.

**3.5** The development of the events of each sport will be the responsibility of the PASO Technical Commission, in close coordination with the Organizing Committee and the corresponding Pan American Sports Confederation and/or International Federation. The definitive decision regarding the calendar and schedule of the events will be made by the PASO Executive Committee.

**4.** At least three years prior to the beginning of the Pan American Games, the Chairman of the Technical Commission will inform the maximum number of entries approved by the PASO Executive Committee to those parties involved in the Pan American Games that need to know them. The Organizing Committee, the Members of PASO, the Pan American Sports

Confederations and/or the International Federations shall rigorously respect the maximum number of entries approved per sport approved by the PASO Executive Committee.

5. The Pan American Sports Confederations and/or International Federations will inform the Chairman of the PASO Technical Commission the calendar and norms that will rule the qualifying events for the Pan American Games. The Members of PASO will be informed by PASO about all the matters regarding the qualifying events for the Games that are established for each sport.

6. The Organizing Committee shall celebrate test events in each of the venues that will be used in the Pan American Games to test all technical equipment, electronic boards, information and chronometer systems, as well as the sports equipment. All the venues should be in optimum technical conditions to celebrate the sport competitions at least three (3) months before the Opening of the Pan American Games.

7. Prior to the beginning of the competitions of the Pan American Games, Technical Meetings for each sport included in the Program should be organized at the Games' site. These Meetings will be presided, jointly, by a representative of the PASO Technical Commission, the official appointed by the International Federation and/or the Pan American Sports Confederation and a representative from the Organizing Committee. The PASO Technical Commission and the Organizing Committee will determine the date, place and agenda for these Technical Meetings.

8. The PASO Technical Commission will have permanent communication with the Pan American Sports Confederations and/or International Federations to precise and follow up all the organizational and technical aspects of each sport in the Program of the Pan American Games.

#### **SECTION IV ELEGIBILITY CODE FOR ATHLETES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES:**

1. To be eligible to participate in the Pan American Games, a competitor must observe and abide by the PASO Statute and the Regulations of the Games; as well as the rules of his or her National Olympic Committee and the rules of the International Federation and/or Pan American Sports Confederation of the sport he or she represents.

2. There are no age limits for the competitors in the Pan American Games, except when otherwise is previously approved and informed to PASO by the International Federation and/or the Pan American Sports Confederation governing a particular sport.

3. The PASO Statute, in its Article XXII, paragraphs 4 and 5, regarding the nationality of the athletes participating in the Pan American Games, establishes the following:

(4) A competitor who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as he may elect. However, after having represented one country in the Pan American Games or in world or regional championships recognized by the relevant Pan American Sports Confederation, he may not represent another country unless he meets the conditions set forth in paragraph 5 below that apply to persons who have changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality.

(5) A competitor who has represented one country in the Pan American Games or in world or regional championships recognized by the relevant Pan American Sports Confederation and/or the corresponding International Federation; and who has changed his nationality or acquired a new nationality, may participate in the Pan American Games to represent his new country provided that at least three years have passed since the competitor last represented his former country. This period may be reduced or even cancelled, with the agreement of the

NOCs and the Pan American Sports Confederations concerned, by the Executive Committee of PASO, which takes into account the circumstances of each case.

**4.** All athletes participating in the Pan American Games shall:

- Abide by the rules and procedures established in the World Anti-Doping Code.
- Compete under the spirit of Fair Play and non-violence in sport.
- Promote friendship and solidarity amongst the participants in the Games.
- Contribute to the conservation of the environment.
- Take care of, protect and use correctly the media and resources put to their disposition during the Games.

**4.5.** No competitor, coach, instructor or member of the official personnel that participates in the Pan American Games may allow his person, name, picture or sports performance to be used for advertising purposes during the Pan American Games, unless the PASO Executive Committee authorizes it.

**4.6.** Subject to compliance with the provisions of the PASO Statute and these Regulations, each athlete who is entered by his or her NOC has the unconditional and unalienable right to participate in the Pan American Games.

**7.** PASO, in principle, accepts the decision of the IOC that any individual who has had a reassignment of sex, from male to female or vice versa, before puberty, is eligible to participate in the corresponding women's or men's competitions in the Pan American Games, as long as two years have passed after the reassignment. However, the PASO Executive Committee will evaluate each case in particular and will take the corresponding decisions.

## **SECTION V ENTRIES OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES:**

**1.** Regarding the entries of athletes for the Pan American Games, the PASO Statute, in its Article XXII, paragraphs 6, 7 and 8, establishes the following:

**(6)** Only the Members of PASO may enter competitors in the Pan American Games. The right of final acceptance of entries rests with the Executive Committee of PASO.

**(7)** A Member of PASO shall only exercise such rights upon the recommendations for entries given by their national federations. If the Member of PASO approves thereof, it shall transmit such entries to the Organizing Committee. The Organizing Committee must acknowledge their receipt. Each Member of PASO must investigate the validity of the entries proposed by the national federations and ensure that no one has been excluded for racial, religious or political reasons or by reason of other forms of discrimination.

**(8)** As a condition precedent to participation in the Pan American Games, every competitor shall comply with all provisions contained in the PASO Statute and the Regulations of the Pan American Games and the technical regulations of each sport. Such competitor must be duly qualified by such Pan American Sports Confederation. The Member of PASO which enters a competitor ensures under its own responsibility that such competitor is fully aware of and complies with the PASO Statute, the Regulations of the Pan American Games and the World Anti-doping Code.

**2.** The Organizing Committee of the Pan American Games shall send the official entry forms to the Members of PASO at least six (6) months in advance to the Opening of the Pan American Games. The entry forms shall specify all the disciplines and events per sport included in the Official Program of the Pan American Games.

**3.** Each Member of PASO's individual and team entries, without specifying names but indicating the number of participants in each event, shall be in the possession of the Organizing Committee at least ninety (90) days before the date of the Opening of the Pan American Games. The number of registered participants may not vary in more than 10% with respect to the final entries.

**4.** The individual entries by name shall be in the possession of the Organizing Committee at least twenty one (21) days before the date of the Opening of the Pan American Games. Entries shall include the names of the participants, all team officials and all data required, and shall not be subject to any subsequent alterations or amendments, except in those cases duly justified by their respective NOCs, at the time of requesting a replacement.

**5.** All entries should be filed on the official forms provided by the Organizing Committee. The Organizing Committee shall devise the system that will be applied to receive entries from the Members of PASO by electronic means. The Organizing Committee must be previously certain about the feasibility of such system, its security and the possibility to access it by all the Members of PASO.

**6.** The official formats for the entries, sent by the Organizing Committee to the Members of PASO by fax or electronic mail, may only be accepted if they fulfill the terms described in the Regulations of the Pan American Games.

**7.** The National Olympic Committees, after certifying the eligibility of each one of their athletes, shall return the entry forms to the Organizing Committee, which shall acknowledge receipt of the said documents.

**8.** In case that a sport, event or discipline cannot take place due to lack of the required entries, as specified in these Regulations, the Organizing Committee shall, immediately after the approval of the Technical Commission and previous consultation with the PASO Office, inform the Members of PASO which have sent entries for such an event.

**9.** The deadlines indicated to send and receive entries, by the Members of PASO and the Organizing Committee, shall not be altered unless the PASO Executive Committee decides to do so.

**10.** The Organizing Committee must provide to the Technical Commission a list of all entries from each Member of PASO in all sports, disciplines and events, for both the registration by numbers and by names, within two (2) days after the established deadlines.

**11.** If any Member of PASO removes a team or an individual competitor after having presented his/her entry by name without a fully justified reason previously accepted by the PASO Executive Committee, this NOC shall pay PASO a fine of USD \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) per entry it withdraws.

## **SECTION VI PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS DURING THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES:**

**1.** Protests and complaints regarding the eligibility of a competitor shall be presented by his/her Chef of Mission or by the representative of the Chef of Mission, together with a deposit of USD \$100.00 (one hundred dollars), to the PASO Executive Committee, which shall decide on the matter. The PASO Executive Committee may act with the presence of a minimum of three of its members. The analysis of each case will take the following into account:

**1.1** If a protest or complaint is presented before the Pan American Games begin and the decision is adverse to the athlete involved, the athlete shall not participate in the Games.



**1.2** If an adverse decision is given after the start of the Pan American Games, the athlete shall be disqualified from the Pan American Games.

**1.3** In team sports competitions, the withdrawal of an athlete or athletes affected by an adverse decision may result in the loss of the game or games in which he/she or they have taken part.

**1.4** In the competitions of team sports, in team events and individual events, the disqualification of an athlete shall result in a loss of the place or places he or she had attained and, consequently, of the corresponding medals or diplomas assigned to such places.

**1.5** The decision of the PASO Executive Committee, regarding protests and complaints during the Games, is not subject to appeal.

**2.** Technical protests made in accordance with the rules of the International Federations shall be addressed to the authority concerned, Judge or Referee according to the nomenclature used for each sport, who, in coordination with the International Federation and/or Pan American Sports Confederation, shall decide them in the first instance. This decision may be appealed to the Jury of Appeal in that sport, in accordance with the rules of that sport.

**3.** The conclusions of the Jury of Appeal of the corresponding sport will be immediately informed to the PASO Technical Commission.

**4.** The decisions regarding technical matters are not subject to appeal. The PASO Executive Committee has the authority to impose any measures or sanctions, according to the decision taken by the Jury of Appeal.

**5.** In the case of protests or complaints regarding the eligibility of the competitor or in the case of technical protest, the required cash deposits shall be returned to the claimant, should the decision result to be favorable to him or her.

**SECTION VII OFFICIALS, MEDICAL AND PARAMEDICAL PERSONNEL, TECHNICAL OFFICIALS, JUDGES AND REFEREES WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES:**

**1.** Only the competitors, as well as medical and paramedical personnel and team officials, according to the approved quotas and that perform essential services for the competitors, as entered by their NOC, will be housed in the Pan American Village.

**2.** The quotas for team officials accommodated in the Pan American Village for each Member of PASO are fixed by the PASO Executive Committee and may not exceed forty percent (40%) of the number of competitors entered by each Member of PASO.

**3.** Technical officials for the competitions (referees, judges, time-keepers, inspectors and other personnel), shall be appointed by the respective International Federation and/or the Pan American Sports Confederation, according to their rules and in agreement with the Organizing Committee. These officials shall not be housed in the Pan American Village and shall not be considered in the number of team officials assigned to the Members of PASO. All costs regarding the airline ticket (economy class), accommodation, meals and local transportation during the Pan American Games and honoraria, in the cases where this is established, shall be a responsibility of the Organizing Committee.

**4.** Each International Federation or Pan American Sports Confederation should appoint an official representative, within the six (6) months after the Pan American Games have been awarded, to assist in the planning of the sports program, the development of facilities, the

training of officials and other relevant technical matters. This representative will make several visits prior to the time of the Games. He/she will arrive at the site at least five (5) days before the beginning of the first event in that sport, in order to verify compliance with the technical aspects, the condition of the training and competition venues, housing and transportation for technical officials and judges, as well as the entries and the competition program of his/her respective sport. In case this indication is not fulfilled, the PASO Executive Committee shall appoint the person who will take care of this responsibility.

**5.** The Organizing Committee will pay the airfare (economy fare) and local expenses for the technical representative of each International Federation and/or Pan American Sports Confederation for one visit to the site. In case additional visits are required, the Organizing Committee and the corresponding International Federation and/or Pan American Sports Confederation will decide how to pay these costs.

**6.** Where the competition requires for the participation of a referee, judge or official from a Member of PASO, this Member shall pay the travel cost of that official; and the Organizing Committee the accommodation, meals and local transportation costs.

**7.** With the purpose of keeping the expenses of the Organizing Committee at a minimum level, it will be attempted that the international representatives and technical officials appointed by the International Federation and/or the Pan American Sports Confederation are persons who reside within the site of the Games or in nearby countries, up to where it is practical and adequate for the appropriate conduction of competitions under international rules.

**8.** The Organizing Committee, at its own expense, shall offer to the Pan American Sports Confederations and/or International Federations of the sports included in the Pan American Games Program the necessary spaces and facilities for them to deal with the technical matters. The Organizing Committee shall also offer to the Pan American Sports Confederations and/or International Federations, when they request so and provided they assume the expenses and have the approval of the PASO Executive Committee, the administrative, technical and accommodation facilities that allow them to celebrate their congresses or other meetings at the site of the Pan American Games.

**9.** The Organizing Committee shall provide uniforms to all the technical personnel needed for the conduct of each sport competition during the Pan American Games.

**10.** In case of disagreement between the Organizing Committee and the International Federation and/or the Pan American Sports Confederation regarding technical matters related to the conduct of competitions during the Pan American Games, the PASO Executive Committee shall decide, looking for a reasonable and fair solution for the benefit of the athletes, the sport and the Pan American Games and its decision shall be binding.

## **SECTION VIII HOUSING OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES:**

### **1. Pan American Village:**

**1.1** All competitors in the Pan American Games will be accommodated in the Pan American Village, unless otherwise approved by the PASO Executive Committee.

**1.2** The Village shall be opened at least ten (10) days before the Opening Ceremony and remain open at least three (3) days after the Closing Ceremony. The Pan American Village shall meet the minimum requirements established by the IOC for the organization of the athletes' Village in the Olympic Games.

**1.3** The Organizing Committee shall furnish the necessary housing, equipped with the basic conveniences, for athletes and team officials of the delegations that will be accommodated in

the Pan American Village. PASO will make sure, regarding life conditions of athletes at the Pan American Village or other housing facilities foreseen for the Pan American Games, that there are no significant differences or any kind of discrimination amongst the athletes.

**1.4** Each delegation of the Members of PASO shall have an office at the Pan American Village, close to their housing, adequately equipped with telephone, fax, Internet access and other basic resources, to facilitate their work during the Pan American Games with no additional costs for the Members of PASO.

**2. Other Housing:**

**2.1** The Organizing Committee shall establish an efficient mechanism that allows the organization and coordination of all aspects regarding accommodation of the Members of PASO at the Pan American Village and of the media and other guests housed at different places.

**2.2** The Organizing Committee shall make the corresponding arrangements to facilitate accommodation for the official representatives and technical officials appointed by the International Federations and/or the Pan American Sports Confederations, within the limits of quotas approved by the PASO Executive Committee.

**2.3** The Organizing Committee shall provide lodging facilities, whose cost will be paid for by the user, for accredited media, official guests and other persons duly accredited and approved by the PASO President.

**2.4** The Organizing Committee shall provide access to accommodation, local transportation and accreditation to a maximum of 10 observers appointed by the Organizing Committee of the next Pan American Games, who shall pay all their expenses.

**2.5** Under very specific situations, as established in the PASO Statute, the Executive Committee may approve lodging outside the Pan American Village for the participants in competitions of certain sports; in these cases, life conditions will be similar to those at the Pan American Village and the costs of transportation, accommodation and meals will be covered by the Organizing Committee.

**3.** The participants accommodated in sites to be used during the Games are responsible for taking care of the resources put to their disposition. The Organizing Committee shall establish the procedure by which each Member of PASO is responsible of paying the cost of breaking, damaging or deteriorating the resources made available to their delegation. In any unforeseen situation, PASO may act as temporary guarantor by establishing a written agreement with the Organizing Committee, until the responsible Member of PASO covers any required payments for damages caused by its delegation in the Pan American Games.

**4.** The Organizing Committee shall try to keep all the expenses and additional services that are charged to the competitors and officials within the minimum reasonable level.

**SECTION IX ACCREDITATION OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES:**

**1.** The PASO Statute in its Article XVIII (4)(a)(iv) establishes that, in order to grant the site of the Pan American Games, a letter from the candidate city signed by the highest government levels of the country is required, by which full respect to the Statute and the Regulations of the Games is assured, guaranteeing access to and departure from the country for the duly accredited athletes, directors, officials, judges, media representatives and other duly accredited participants.

**2.** The only parties authorized to request accreditation for the Pan American Games are:

**2.1** the National Olympic Committees, for their official delegation and personnel from its country who, according to these Regulations, are entitled to attend the Pan American Games;

**2.2** the Organizing Committee, for the personnel who will work in the organization of the Games; and

**2.3** PASO, for the Executive Committee and its own personnel, for the representatives from the International Federations, the Pan American Sports Confederations, technical officials, international judges and guests.

PASO will approve all the accreditations issued by the Organizing Committee of the Pan American Games.

**3.** The Organizing Committee shall issue the Pan American Identity Card, previously approved by the PASO Executive Committee, to all persons attending the Pan American Games in an official capacity. This Card will specify the holder's family and given names, date and place of birth, sex, nationality and function at the Pan American Games.

The Pan American Identity Card shall bear the holder's photograph and signature and shall be countersigned, as the case may be, by the President of the National Olympic Committee or by the Secretary General; as well as by the President of PASO or the Organizing Committee, according to the established level of authority.

**4.** The Organizing Committee shall elaborate and propose to the PASO Executive Committee, for its approval and at least a year before the Opening of the Pan American Games, the Accreditation Manual that will be put into force during the Pan American Games. In the same way, the design, category, number of accreditations and procedure to issue the accreditations will be approved by the Executive Committee.

**5.** The Accreditation System shall be established upon the approval of the PASO Executive Committee, one (1) year before the Opening of the Pan American Games as a minimum. Application forms for accreditation will be delivered at least six (6) months in advance of the Pan American Games to all the Members of PASO, International Federations and/or Pan American Sports Confederations, PASO and other sports organizations that should receive them, according to the approved Accreditation System.

**6.** The Organizing Committee, in fulfillment of the Agreement of Responsibilities signed between the parties and the provisions to this regard established in the PASO Statute, will make arrangements with the Government of its country to accept the Pan American Identity Card as travel document (visa), accompanied by a passport that is valid, at least, until six months after the conclusion of the Pan American Games.

**7.** The Pan American Identity Card shall bear, in a preponderant place, the PASO Emblem and the Pan American Games logo. Any publicity or commercial advertisement in the Card shall adjust to the provisions approved by the PASO Executive Committee to this respect.

**8.** Each participant in the Pan American Games and the Member of PASO that presented his/her entry are responsible of the veracity of the data included in the Pan American Identity Card and for its care, protection and use. The participant is obliged to immediately inform to the Organizing Committee, through his/her Olympic Committee, the robbery, deterioration or loss of the Pan American Identity Card.

## **SECTION X CHEFS DE MISSION MEETING:**

**1.** The Organizing Committee will celebrate a Chefs de Mission Meeting at least six (6) months before the Games at the site city. The information provided by the Organizing Committee to the Members of PASO must include, among others, the following aspects:

**1.1** General scheme regarding the organization of the Games;

**1.2** Complete description of the Pan American Village and other accommodations; transportation system, including the vehicles designated to each delegation;

**1.3** Competition and training venues;

**1.4** Accreditation system;

**1.5** Calendar of the most important dates that should be fulfilled;

**1.6** Regulations of the host country's customs regarding equipment, medicines, clothing and other imported media, to be used on a temporary basis during the Pan American Games;

**1.7** Services for the horses, including sanitary regulations, quarantine, fees for feeding the horses, veterinarian services, reception at the airport and delivery from and to the equestrian venue;

**1.8** General security procedures;

**1.9** Procedures for sending, receiving and distributing material;

**1.10** Rate cards of the different services to be provided;

**1.11** Requirements for medical personnel from the delegations to practice medicine or therapy; as well as restrictions regarding the temporary importation of equipment and medicines necessary for the medical work of the delegation;

**1.12** Offer for renting boats, facilities to import them, maintenance and repair services;

**1.13** Technical and logistic facilities for the media;

**1.14** Information regarding the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

**1.15** Guarantee that both the National Anthems and the flags of the participating countries are duly updated and approved by the corresponding NOC.

**2.** The cost of the Chefs de Mission Meeting, including accommodation and meals for the participants, will be covered by the Organizing Committee. The airline ticket of the representative from each country who attends the Chefs de Mission meeting will be paid by the corresponding Member of PASO.

**3.** PASO will send a representative who, together with the Organizing Committee of the Pan American Games, presides over the Chefs de Mission Meeting.

**4.** After the Chefs de Mission Meeting, the Organizing Committee will inform the PASO President about its results, highlighting on the main concerns, requests or suggestions presented by the representatives from the Members of PASO who attended this meeting.

## **SECTION XI ATTACHÉS FOR THE DELEGATIONS THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES:**

1. At least six months prior to the inauguration of the Pan American Games, the Organizing Committee shall appoint one Attaché for each of the participating delegations in consultation with the corresponding National Olympic Committee. The Attaché shall have full command of the language of the country he/she has been appointed to.
2. The Attachés shall be under the control of the Organizing Committee and shall assist in the liaison between this Committee and the delegations, to resolve problems and to assist them with everything necessary.
3. The existence of Attachés shall not impair the right of the Chief of Delegation or its officials to deal directly with the Organizing Committee on matters considered appropriate.

## **SECTION XII MEDICAL SERVICES AND DOPING CONTROL IN THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES:**

1. The Organizing Committee of the Pan American Games, in accordance with the provisions of the PASO Statute in its Article XX, numeral 4, paragraph d), regarding the necessary facilities for the Games, has the obligation to install and equip, at the site city of the Games, a permanent or temporary laboratory, recognized by the IOC, for the analysis of the doping control tests performed during the Games.
2. PASO, as a forerunner in the fight against doping, reaffirms its policy to reject, punish and discourage, by all means, the use of prohibited substances and methods, to ensure a healthy, safe, equitable and honorable environment for competition during the Pan American Games. PASO promotes among its Members the development of a preventive and prophylactic education that sets the basis of a true culture against doping in sport.
3. Due to its transcendence for the Pan American Games and as a reference for all the participants in this event, the following provision of the Olympic Charter should be remembered: "The World Anti-Doping Code is obligatory for the whole Olympic Movement.
4. PASO has constituted a Medical Commission and gives major priority to its work. This Commission is responsible for implementing its policies and programs regarding general medical matters and, particularly, those referred to doping control during the Pan American Games.
5. The World Anti-Doping code, the Olympic Charter, the specific regulations of the International Federations, the PASO Statute and the Regulations of the Pan American Games, regarding medical attention to the participants and doping, shall be rigorously, fairly and transparently applied to all competitors participating in the Pan American Games.
6. Doping control procedures during the Pan American Games shall be of the highest standards and adjusted to the updated regulations of the appropriate authorities in this respect and of PASO. Analysis of the samples for a possible detection of banned substances must be undertaken at, or under the supervision of, an IOC accredited laboratory that shall be located at the site city of the Pan American Games.
7. In accordance to the provisions of the World Anti-Doping Code and since they are very important aspects for doping control in the Pan American Games, the following will be taken into account:

- 7.1** Every competitor who participates in the Pan American Games should know and fulfill all the anti-doping policies and rules; be available to submit to the doping controls and/or medical examinations required from them; assume the responsibility, in the context of the fight against doping, of what they take and use and inform the medical personnel about their obligation not to use prohibited substances and prohibited methods; and assume the responsibility of assuring that no medical treatment violates the policies and rules established in the World Anti-Doping Code.
- 7.2** Any competitor refusing to submit to a medical control or examination carried out in conformity with the provisions mentioned in paragraph 6.1 above or who is found positive in the doping control tests, shall be immediately excluded from the Pan American Games and shall have his Identity Card withdrawn, in addition to any other sanctions or disciplinary measures that correspond to the violation incurred.
- 7.3** The infringement by an individual athlete of an anti-doping rule regarding a control performed during the competitions of the Pan American Games, will automatically lead to the annulment of the individual results in the competition and all its consequences, including the loss of medals, points and prizes, in addition to any other sanction that may be imposed in respect of the violation.
- 7.4** In the cases where more than one member of a sports team infringes the anti-doping rules during the competitions of the Pan American Games, the team may be disqualified or any other disciplinary measure the PASO Executive Committee considers appropriate may be imposed. For the sports that are not team sports, but for which prizes are awarded to teams, disqualification or any other disciplinary measure imposed to a team when one or several of its members infringe the anti-doping rules will be according to the rules in force of the corresponding International Federation.
- 7.5** If any other participant in the Pan American Games, different from the competitor in question, was involved in an infringement of the World Anti-Doping Code's rules, his/her Accreditation will be withdrawn and he/she will be excluded from the Pan American Games, in addition to any other sanction that may be imposed in respect to the violation.
- 7.6** In cases of infringement of the World Anti-Doping Code the PASO Executive Committee, in consultation with its Medical Commission, shall withdraw medals and/or diplomas that have been awarded and may impose any other disciplinary measure to sanction the athletes or other persons involved in such infringement.
- 7.7** The PASO Medical Commission shall elaborate the rules that the Organizing Committee of the Pan American Games should fulfill regarding medical services and health of the athletes and the rest of the participants in the Pan American Games.
- 7.8** The members of the PASO Medical Commission shall not perform any medical duties within the delegation of any Member of PASO during the Pan American Games and shall not participate in discussions regarding infractions to the World Anti-Doping Code by the members of their respective national delegation.
- 7.9** In the case of an athlete or team that is sanctioned by withholding his/her medal(s), diploma(s), or both due to any reason, it will be the responsibility of his/her National Olympic Committee to request the athlete to return the medals to PASO.
- 7.10** For all these cases, the Organizing Committee of the Pan American Games shall have a number of additional medals and diplomas that they shall give to the PASO Executive Committee, so the prizes can be delivered to the athletes who deserve them as a result of the decision.

### **SECTION XIII AWARDS TO BE DELIVERED DURING THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES:**

- 1.** All participants in the Pan American Games shall receive a commemorative medal and a participation diploma.
- 2.** The winners of first place shall receive a gilded medal and a diploma; the winners of second place shall receive a silver-plated medal and a diploma and the winners of third place shall receive a bronze-plated medal and a diploma. The athletes who finish in fourth to eighth place shall be awarded a diploma. The prizes for competitors at the Pan American Games shall be provided by the Organizing Committee for distribution by PASO.
- 3.** The Organizing Committee shall present the design of the medals and the diploma for the participants for the approval of the PASO Executive Committee at least one year (1) before the Opening of the Pan American Games. The diploma granted to the participants in the Pan American Games should be signed by the President of PASO and the President of the Organizing Committee.
- 4.** In team sports and in team events included in other sports, each member of a winning team shall be awarded the appropriate medal and diploma. In the cases of sports whose rules do not establish a tie breaking system, and if it has been foreseen in the approved technical manuals for the Games, two medals for first, second and third place shall be awarded in each of the sport's events, depending on the case.
- 5.** No awards or prizes other than those described above shall be given at the Pan American Games, unless the PASO Executive Committee adopts a different decision to this regard.
- 6.** In sports or events where the established technical rules determine that, from the semi-final round, two competitors advance to the final match, the two losers of the semi-final round may be each awarded bronze medals if, in advance, it is determined by the PASO Executive Committee, on the recommendation of its Technical Commission, there should be no third place competition.
- 8.** The Organizing Committee shall present, in addition to those referred to in Section XII, item 6.10, ten (10) complete sets of medals (gold, silver and bronze) and three (3) torches to PASO, at least 60 days prior to the Opening Ceremonies of the Games.

### **SECTION XIV AWARDS CEREMONIES OF THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES:**

- 1.** During the celebration of the Pan American Games, the PASO Executive Committee is fully responsible of establishing the protocol to be applied at all the venues and sites that depend of the Organizing Committee.
- 2.** The Awards Ceremonies shall be held in the venue of each sport on the program and at the close of the finals of each event.
- 3.** At each competitive venue there shall be a Protocol Office, with a chief and sufficient staff to assist with all protocol issues, including the Awards Ceremony. Each venue will have the flags and National Anthems of the countries participating in the competition; as well as with flagpoles to raise the flags during the medal presentation.
- 4.** The PASO Executive Committee shall designate the persons who will preside the Awards Ceremonies and will present the medals and diplomas of each sport, who may be members of the PASO Executive Committee, members of the International Olympic Committee, Presidents of National Olympic Committees, Presidents of International Federations or Pan American Sports Confederations or government authorities. According to the protocol, the person



appointed by PASO may be joined by representatives of the corresponding sport's federation; representatives of the Organizing Committee or by an important sports personality.

5. When the Awards Ceremony is announced, the chief of the Protocol Office at the event will lead the march, followed first by hostesses carrying the medals and diplomas; then, by the persons who are to present the awards and, finally, by the competitors to be honored.

6. The competitors who have won first, second and third places will proceed, in the official sports uniform of their delegation, to the victory stand facing the Box of Honor. The medals will be presented in the following order: 3rd Place, 2nd Place and 1st Place. The winner of the gold medal shall be placed slightly above the second place finisher, who is on his right; the third place finisher, who is on his left, shall be placed slightly below the second place finisher.

7. After the distribution of awards has been completed, the flag of the gold medal winner's country shall be hoisted on the central of three flagpoles in the arena, and those of the second and third on adjoining flagpoles on the right and on the left respectively, facing the public. The flag of the gold medal winner's country will be higher than that of the second place finisher, which will be higher than that of the third place finisher. Meanwhile, the National Anthem (abbreviated, maximum duration of 45 seconds) of the winner's country is played, during which the competitors and the spectators shall face the flags.

#### **SECTION XV OPENING CEREMONY OF THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES:**

1. The Opening Ceremony is one of the most important and transcendental moments of the Pan American Games; therefore, the application of all measures to guarantee its organization and lucidity is a responsibility of the Organizing Committee, with the active participation of the PASO Executive Committee, its Technical Commission and its Member NOCs, under the coordination of the PASO Chancellor.

2. The Project for the Opening Ceremony of the Pan American Games shall be presented by the Organizing Committee to the PASO Executive Committee, a year (1) before the inauguration of the Pan American Games. This Project should consider, besides protocol and the cultural program, the transportation time for the athletes, access routes, security and location at the stadium, among other aspects.

3. In the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the Pan American Games, the speeches and oaths shall be translated from the language being spoken into either English and Spanish, as the case may be, and be displayed in the electronic board of the stadium.

4. The Official Opening Ceremony of the Pan American Games will be held in the following order:

4.1 Facing the Box of Honor, at the extreme right of the Stadium, there must be three flagpoles: the center one for the flag of the host country; to its right, for the flag of PASO and to its left, for the flag of the city where the Games are held. On the left of the Stadium, a fourth flagpole must be placed for the flag of the IOC. These are the only flags to be hoisted during the Opening Ceremony of the Pan American Games.

4.2 Facing the Box of Honor, on the field, there will be a Rostrum.

4.3 The Head of State, who has been invited to inaugurate the Pan American Games, will be received at the entrance of the Stadium by the President of PASO, the President of the Olympic Committee of the country that organizes the Games and the President of the Organizing Committee, who will conduct him/her to the Box of Honor.

**4.4** In the Box of Honor, apart from the persons mentioned above, seats must be available for the President of the IOC or his representative, for the PASO Executive Committee, the members of the Organizing Committee, the IOC members in the Americas, the Presidents of the NOCs and the representatives from the Pan American Sports Confederations and/or International Federations; for the highest authority of the host city and of the city where the immediately preceding Games were held and for special guests, companions and other personalities approved by the President of PASO.

**4.5** As soon as the Head of State reaches the Box of Honor, he/she is greeted by the National Anthem of his/her country and the rising of the National Flag.

**4.6** In the Box of Honor, to the right of the Head of State, the President of PASO; to the left, the President of the IOC; next to the President of the IOC or his representative, the President of the host National Olympic Committee; next to the President of PASO, the President of the Organizing Committee and, next to the President of the Organizing Committee, the highest authority of the host city. The remaining seats are occupied by various personalities and guests, according to the decision of the President of PASO.

**4.7** After the National Anthem, the parade of participants begins. Each delegation, in its official uniform, is preceded by a name-board bearing the name of the country, accompanied by its national flag. The delegations parade in alphabetical order in Spanish, except the delegation of Argentina, which leads the parade as the country where the first Pan American Games were held, and the delegation of the host country which brings up the rear. The delegations salute the Head of State as they go by the Box of Honor; no participant may carry into the stadium flags, banners, cameras or other visible objects that are not part of the official uniform of the delegation.

**4.8** The flags of the participating countries, as well as the name-boards, shall all be of equal size, and these shall be furnished by the Organizing Committee. The bearers of the name-boards will be selected by the Organizing Committee and the flag bearer of each delegation shall be selected by the corresponding NOC. Each delegation, after completing its march within the stadium, lines up according to the established protocol, behind its name-board and flag, facing the Box of Honor.

**4.9** Upon concluding of the parade, after all delegations are in place, the flags of the IOC, PASO and the host city will be raised. The flags are ready at the flagpoles and, to the strains of the Olympic Hymn, the flags of the IOC, of PASO and the flag of the host city are raised.

**4.10** When the flags have been raised, the President of PASO and the President of the Organizing Committee, together with the Mayor of the host city, descend the Box of Honor and proceed to the Rostrum.

**4.11** The President of the Organizing Committee mounts the Rostrum alone, and welcomes the participants, not exceeding three minutes. The text of the welcome speech shall be previously delivered to PASO. Then the President of PASO mounts the Rostrum, and invites the Head of State to open the Games, in the following words:

**I have the honor to ask Mr. .... to declare open the ..... Pan American Games.**

**4.12** From his place in the Box of Honor, the Head of State says the following:

**Today, ..... I solemnly declare open the ..... Pan American Games.**

**4.13** Once the Official Inauguration of the Pan American Games is over, the President of PASO, the Mayor of the host city and the President of the Organizing Committee shall return to the Box of Honor.

**4.14** The bearer of the Pan American flame selected by the Organizing Committee, who may be escorted by two persons, enters by the main gate of the stadium and, after circling the track, proceeds to the flame cauldron. After reaching the platform, he salutes with the torch the four cardinal points and proceeds to light the fire. At the moment the fire is lit, a fanfare of trumpets is sounded.

**4.15** The National Flag bearers advance to the Rostrum to form a semi-circle around it, facing the Box of Honor.

**4.16** The athlete selected by the host country to take the oath and the flag bearer of the host country mount the Rostrum. Holding the lowest corner of his/her country's flag in his left hand, and raising his right arm in the usual manner, he takes the following oath on behalf of all the athletes:

In the name of all competitors, I promise that we will take part in these .... Pan American Games, respecting and abiding by the rules which govern them, in the true spirit of sportsmanship, for the glory of sport and the honor of our teams.

**4.17** Next, a judge of the host country proceeds to the Rostrum, and in the same way, takes the following oath:

In the name of all judges and officials, I promise that we will officiate in these Games with complete impartiality, respecting and abiding by the rules which govern them, in the true spirit of sportsmanship.

**4.18** After the Official Inauguration of the Pan American Games, the Cultural Program planned by the Organizing Committee will be held.

**4.19** Immediately after, the delegations shall proceed to their designated place within the stadium.

**4.20** The Opening Ceremony, including the cultural component, should not be longer than two and a half hours.

**4.21** The Chancellor of PASO has the authority and, consequently, the responsibility for enforcing these regulations, respecting the official protocol of the host country. In the event that, for any reason, the Regulations are not complied therewith, the Chancellor will immediately inform the PASO President, so the case is analyzed and the PASO Executive Committee adopts the appropriate measures.

**4.22** If the Opening Ceremony is held elsewhere than in the Athletics stadium, another flame cauldron shall be placed in the Athletics stadium and, on the night of the Opening Ceremony, the Pan American flame shall be transferred to it, without any special protocol, to be returned, if necessary, to the place of the Closing Ceremony for formal extinction.

## **SECTION XVI CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES:**

**1.** The Closing Ceremony takes place in the stadium, after the last event of the Program of the Pan American Games.

2. In the Closing Ceremony the placements in the Box of Honor shall be maintained as decided for the Opening Ceremony, adjusting to the decision the President of PASO adopts to this respect. The Mayor, the President of the Organizing Committee and the President of the National Olympic Committee of the next site of the Pan American Games shall be seated in the Box of Honor.

3. The flag bearers of the participating delegations will march in a single group, preceded by the respective name-boards and in the same order as in the Opening Ceremony.

4. Behind them, athletes from the different countries who have participated in the Pan American Games, intermixed, march in columns into the stadium and take their places in the seats reserved for them. Once the members of the delegations are in place, the flag bearers shall form a semi-circle around the Rostrum, facing the Box of Honor.

5. The President of PASO and the President of the Organizing Committee of the Games proceed to the Rostrum and the President of PASO declares the closing of the Pan American Games and invites the Pan American Family to participate in the next Pan American Games.

6. At the end of these remarks, a fanfare is sounded and the lights of the stadium are extinguished. Powerful spotlights then illuminate the flags that are hoisted since the Opening Ceremony.

7. Four escorts of six officers each, in uniform, enter by the main gate and proceed to the flagpoles. Slowly, illuminated by the spotlights, the escorts lower the flags and leave the stadium. The spotlights then illuminate the cauldron and, to the sound of taps, the Pan American flame is slowly extinguished.

8. An escort will enter the stadium, bearing the PASO flag. The escort will advance towards one side of the Rostrum. The highest authorities of the city that hosts the Pan American Games and of the next host city will go up to the Rostrum to join the PASO President.

9. The flag bearer will go up the Rostrum and will deliver the flag to the President of PASO, who will be joined by the Mayor of the city that closes the Pan American Games and by the President of the Organizing Committee. The President of PASO delivers the flag of the Pan American Sports Organization to the highest authority of the host city of the next Pan American Games. After delivering the flag, the authorities return to the Box of Honor.

10. The spotlights illuminate the main gate, where an escort of eight officers, carrying horizontally the flag of the host country for the next Pan American Games, enters and proceeds to the flagpole where the flag of the country that is closing the Games was previously hoisted. To the strains of the National Anthem of the new host country, its flag is raised. Next, the escort leaves by the main gate. There will be a display of fireworks, lasting approximately 15 minutes, from outside the Stadium. At the end of the fireworks, the lights of the stadium are turned on again and a cultural event is presented.

11. The electronic board on the stadium should read: **WE'LL SEE YOU IN .....** and the name of the city where the next Pan American Games will take place, as well as the corresponding year.

12. The Chancellor of PASO has the authority and, consequently, the responsibility for monitoring compliance with these Regulations.

## **SECTION XVII AUTHORITY DURING THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES:**

1. During the celebration of the Games, according to the Statute, the highest authority shall be the PASO Executive Committee, acting with the faculties and powers that the PASO General Assembly has delegated on it.

2. Any matters not covered by these Regulations shall be reviewed by the Organizing Committee with the President of PASO who, after listening to the parties, will provide the corresponding indications, acting with the delegated authority of the PASO Executive Committee.

### **SECTION XVIII MANAGEMENT OF THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES:**

1. The PASO Executive Committee will permanently meet, in order to take care of the matters regarding the organization of the Pan American Games at any moment. The President of the Organizing Committee or the designated representative will have to be available to attend the meetings that the Executive Committee asks him to.

2. The PASO Technical Commission will be in permanent contact with the Technical Director of the Games so, by their joint actions, it is possible to have daily updates regarding matters such as: applications, training and competition venues, sports equipment, time-keeping system, judges and referees, accreditation, fulfillment of the sports program, awards ceremonies, protests, technical meetings of the sports and any other matter regarding technical aspects of the Pan American Games.

3. The representatives designated by the PASO Executive Committee, with the presence of members of the Organizing Committee, will hold a daily meeting with the Chefs of Mission at the Pan American Village, with the objective of being informed about their opinions of the Pan American Games' development and the problems or difficulties, in order to undertake, as promptly as possible, the measures to guarantee their solution.

4. The PASO Medical Commission will function permanently during the Games and it will take care of controlling the medical services that the Organizing Committee should guarantee for all the participants and will direct the application of the Anti-Doping Program foreseen for the Pan American Games.

5. Other commissions and working groups may be constituted by decision of the PASO Executive Committee in coordination with the Organizing Committee, with the objective of supporting very specific tasks towards the successful development of the Pan American Games.

6. During the Games, the PASO Treasurer will be responsible of making sure that both the Organizing Committee and the NOCs fulfill the financial obligations established in the PASO Statute for the Pan American Games.

### **SECTION XIX CULTURAL PROGRAM OF THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES:**

1. The Organizing Committee shall develop, during the Games, a Cultural Program, which should be previously approved by the PASO Executive Committee six (6) months prior to the opening of the Pan American Games.

2. The objective of the Program is to promote friendship, solidarity and mutual understanding amongst the Members of PASO and other participants in the Pan American Games, based on the common cultural and historical values that unite the people of the Americas.

3. The Cultural Program shall consider the time between the dates of the Opening and Closing of the Pan American Games and may take the following into account for its content:

**3.1** Cultural activities organized at the Pan American Village and other venues of the Games, as an expression of universality, diversity of human culture and the national values of the host country.

**3.2** Other artistic and cultural activities with these same purposes, to be held at the site city during the Pan American Games.

**SECTION XX ADVERTISEMENTS AND PUBLICITY DURING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES:**

**1.** No kind of demonstration or political, religious or racial propaganda is allowed at the venues of the Pan American Games or at other sites considered part of the Pan American Games' venues.

**2.** Advertisements or publicity within or outside the stadiums or other competition venues considered part of the Games' sites is not allowed. No commercial stands or advertising walls will be allowed within the stadiums nor in the sports grounds.

**3.** The PASO Executive Committee is the only authority that may determine the principles and conditions under which authorization for any kind of publicity during the Pan American Games will be granted.

**4.** No form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, may appear on persons, on sportswear, accessories or, more generally, on any article of clothing or equipment whatsoever worn or used by the athletes in the Pan American Games, except for the manufacturer of the article, provided that such identification shall not be marked conspicuously for advertising purposes. This rule shall be governed by the following criteria:

**4.1** The identification of the manufacturer shall not appear more than once per item of clothing and equipment.

**4.2** Any manufacturer's identification that is greater than 10% of the surface area of the equipment that is exposed during competition shall be deemed prohibited. However, there shall be no manufacturer's identification greater than 60 cm<sup>2</sup>.

**4.3** Headgear such as hats, helmets, sunglasses, gloves and others: any manufacturer's identification over 6 cm<sup>2</sup> shall be deemed prohibited.

**4.4** Clothing like T-shirts, shorts, sweat pants and others: any manufacturer's identification which is greater than 20 cm<sup>2</sup> shall be deemed prohibited.

**4.5** Shoes: the name and logo of the manufacturer may appear, provided its size does not surpass 6 cm<sup>2</sup>.

**4.6** In very particular cases, the PASO Executive Committee may authorize exceptions in the application of the above described rules.

**4.7** Any violation of the provisions of the present Section shall result in disqualification or withdrawal of the accreditation of the person or persons concerned. The PASO Executive Committee may undertake actions against the NOC or International Federation and/or Pan American Sports Confederation that are responsible of such violation. The decisions taken by the PASO Executive Committee regarding this matter shall be final.

**SECTION XXI INVITATIONS TO THE MEMBERS OF PASO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES:**

1. The invitations to participate in the Pan American Games shall be signed and sent by the PASO President, to all the Members of PASO, at least six (6) months before the inauguration of the Pan American Games.

2. The invitations to participate in the Pan American Games shall be expressed in the following terms:

**"The Pan American Sports Organization has the honor of inviting you to participate in the ..... Pan American Games that will take place in the city of ..... on ..... to the ..... of ....."**

3. The invitations must be sent simultaneously by registered air mail or by courier. The Members of PASO shall reply to the invitation in writing. All replies from the Members of PASO should be received in the PASO Office within 30 days after sending the invitations.

### **SECTION XXII COVERAGE OF THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES:**

1. PASO will adopt the necessary measures to guarantee that the Pan American Games have the most complete coverage from the media and the largest audience possible in the Americas and worldwide.

2. It is an important objective for PASO that the media promotes and spreads abroad the principles and values of the Olympic Ideal and the meaning the Pan American Games have.

3. All matters regarding the development of the Pan American Games will be of exclusive competence of the PASO Executive Committee. In order to guarantee the most complete information by the media and the greatest audience possible for the Pan American Games, the PASO Executive Committee shall decide on the necessary actions that should be applied by the Organizing Committee of the Games.

4. A year before the beginning of the Games, the Organizing Committee shall publish a brochure containing the general rules of the Pan American Games, a program - calendar and the technical regulations that will be in force for each sport, which should be sent to PASO, its Executive Committee, the Members of PASO, the Pan American Sports Confederations and/or International Federations and other parties who need to be informed.

5. The Organizing Committee shall publish a bulletin, at least every ninety (90) days, during the first three (3) years of the Pan American cycle; each sixty (60) days during the last year before the inauguration and daily during the development of the Pan American Games.

6. The Organizing Committee will commit to publish and deliver, to the Members of PASO and to PASO, the Official Memoirs of the Pan American Games within a period no longer that twelve (12) months after the Closing of the Pan American Games. Before their publication, the Memoirs should be previously approved by PASO and they should include, among others, the following aspects:

6.1 The names of the participating Members of PASO;

6.2 The names of the participants in each sport;

6.3 The results and complete statistics of all events included in the Program;

6.4 A general description of the organization of the Games.

7. According to the provisions of the PASO Statute in its Article XXI, paragraph 1 (c), the Organizing Committee of the Pan American Games shall pay to PASO fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00 USD) as a guarantee for the publication and presentation of the Games' Memoirs. Once this obligation is fulfilled by the Organizing Committee, the deposit shall be returned.

### **SECTION XXIII OFFICIAL LANGUAGES IN THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES:**

1. The official languages, of obligatory use in the Pan American Games, are Spanish and English; all communications, information systems, signs, publications and broadcasts relating to the Games shall be made in the two languages.

In case of disagreement in the texts of official documents, regarding the organization of the Pan American Games, the Spanish version shall prevail.

### **SECTION XXIV TROPHIES AWARDED BY PASO:**

1. PASO shall award two trophies following the Pan American Games:

1.1 The José de Jesús Clark Flores Trophy is awarded to the athlete or team that had the most outstanding performance during the Pan American Games;

1.2 The Fair Play Trophy is presented to an athlete, team or official who demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and adherence to the Olympic principles and values during the Pan American Games.

Both trophies are awarded by the PASO President following recommendation from the Technical Commission and the approval of the Executive Committee, in the first General Assembly after the Pan American Games.

The Regulations of the Pan American Games were approved by the PASO Executive Committee in its meeting celebrated in Mexico City on June the 24th, 2005 and will be in force immediately after its signature.

Date: June the 24th, 2005

**Mario Vázquez Raña**  
President

**Felipe Muñoz Kapamas**  
General Secretary