

INSTRUCTIONS

ON THE SPECIFIC CONDITIONS FOR THE EDUCATION OF CATEGORISED ATHLETES AND THE COACHES OF CATEGORISED ATHLETES AT THE FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

I. MAIN PROVISIONS

Article 1

These instructions regulate the adjustment of study-related requirements for first-cycle and second-cycle students at the Faculty of Social Sciences (hereinafter: FSS).

The Instructions on the Specific Conditions for the Education of Categorised Athletes and the Coaches of Categorised Athletes – Students of the FSS (hereinafter referred to as the Instructions) contain more detailed provisions on

- the criteria for obtaining and exercising the status of a student-athlete or a student-coach on the basis of the definitions and categorisations of the Olympic Committee of Slovenia – Association of Sports Federations (hereinafter referred to as OCS), as defined in the conditions, rules, and criteria for the registration and categorisation of athletes in the Republic of Slovenia
- the rights and obligations of categorised athletes and coaches during their studies at the FSS, the special conditions of education, and the bodies which decide on the basis of the provisions of the Rules on the rights and obligations, and on special conditions.

II. CRITERIA FOR EXERCISING THE STATUS

Article 2

Students of the FSS who have obtained one of the following categorisations from the OCS can apply for the status of a categorised athlete or the coach of a categorised athlete at the FSS:

- Olympic-class athlete
- World-class athlete
- International-class athlete
- Prospect-class athlete
- National-class athlete
- Youth-class athlete

Students applying for the status of a student-coach must prove that they are coaching an athlete who has attained one of these titles, by means of certificates from the sports federation and from the athlete, and attach these certificates to their application for coaching status. They must also attach a certificate of professional competence (level 2 qualification) in accordance with the Sports Act.

The list of categorised athletes published three times annually on the website www.olympic.si by the Committee for elite sport shall serve as the basic official document for establishing the credibility of the title achieved by each applicant. Athletes who already have a valid categorisation should attach to their application a printed copy of the page where their categorisation is published.

If the athlete has a categorisation but it is not yet published on the above-mentioned website, they should attach the categorisation certificate, which will be issued to them by the OCS Committee for elite sport upon request.

The status of categorised athlete can also be claimed by students living abroad, by foreign students of the FSS, and by students with disabilities who, according to the criteria of the national sports federation or the Sports Federation for the Disabled of Slovenia, meet conditions identical to those set out in the conditions, rules, and criteria for the registration and categorisation of athletes in the Republic of Slovenia. Students living abroad, foreign students, and students with disabilities must attach to the prescribed form a request, as well as the relevant certificate from the national sports federation, or umbrella federation, and from the club for which they are competing. More detailed definitions can be found in the document "Conditions, rules, and criteria for the registration and categorisation of athletes in the Republic of Slovenia".

III. PROCEDURE FOR GRANTING STATUS

Article 3

Students wishing to apply for student-athlete or student-coach status must apply using the prescribed form.

Students can also apply for a higher status if they have obtained a higher categorisation during the academic year.

Student-athletes and student-coaches are considered to be students with status in the current academic year, from the 1st year onwards, who, according to the criteria for claiming the status of categorised athletes (or acting as coaches of categorised athletes) on the basis of the OCS categorisation, meet the eligibility criteria for obtaining the status.

On the basis of a substantiated recommendation from the competent national sports federation, the commission for student affairs may also grant special conditions of education to those students of the FSS whose sporting, competitive, or coaching commitments are such as to prevent them from fulfilling their study obligations normally.

Article 4

A student-athlete or student-coach may be granted one of the following two statuses on the basis of an application from the student with supporting evidence:

- A status: categorisation approved by the Olympic Committee of Slovenia (hereinafter referred to as OCS) as an Olympic-class, world-class, international-class, prospect-class, national-class, or youth-class athlete, or top achievements at national or international level in sports and disciplines which, in accordance with the conditions, rules, and criteria for the registration and categorisation of athletes in the Republic of Slovenia, are not categorised by the OCS, and which have been approved by an individual national sports federation,

- B status: official designation of the student by the respective national sports federation as a coach of the national team or of an individual categorised athlete, and their direct involvement in the

preparation and implementation of the programmes of the categorised athletes, as approved by the respective national sports federation or other relevant sporting body.

In the same way, the status is determined for students who are athletes with disabilities and who achieve top achievements certified by the Sports Federation for the Disabled of Slovenia – Slovenian Paralympic Committee on sporting achievements at national and international level, or by a certificate granted by an individual national sports federation on sporting achievements at national and international level for sports and disciplines which, in accordance with the conditions, rules, and criteria for the registration and categorisation of athletes in the Republic of Slovenia, are not categorised by the Slovenian Paralympic Committee.

Exceptionally, a student-athlete or student-coach shall be granted a specific status even if they do not fulfil the conditions for one of the statuses, if the Commission for Student Affairs so decides on the basis of objective reasons or circumstances. Exceptionally, athletes who demonstrate a high level of training commitment and high-profile sporting results, but do not have a categorisation, may also be granted the status. Students can prove their training and competition commitments with a certificate from their national sports federation.

Article 5

The commission for student affairs shall decide on the granting of the status of student-athlete or student-coach by means of a decision.

Article 6

The commission for student affairs approves and publishes the list of student-athletes and student-coaches.

For each student who has been granted special educational conditions, the student affairs office formally records this on the online system for each academic year.

Article 7

The commission for student affairs shall grant the student-athlete or student-coach status until the end of the academic year in which the fulfilment of the condition expires.

Article 8

If an applicant does not have the status of a categorised athlete according to the OCS criteria, they must, in addition to the application on the prescribed form, submit a reasoned request and the complete documentation laid out in Article 4 of these Rules.

IV. RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS, AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF EDUCATION

Article 9

The rights and obligations of students of the FSS who, on the basis of the status they have acquired, exercise special conditions of education on the basis of the provisions of Article 2 of these Rules are as follows:

1. A status

- they are obliged to attend at least half of the prescribed pedagogical process on each course; to achieve this, the athlete must also submit a season plan and, if the plan shows that they will not be able to fulfil this requirement in the regular pedagogical process, alternative arrangements must be made in agreement with lecturers
- A-status students have the right to extend their student status once during their studies at each level.
- they are obliged to represent the FSS at sporting events and competitions, as far as the competition schedule allows them to do so.

2. B status

- they are obliged to attend at least two-thirds of the prescribed pedagogical process on each course;
- they are obliged to represent the FSS at sporting events and competitions, as far as the competition schedule allows them to do so.

At the beginning of each academic year, tutors/mentors and student tutors are appointed to student-athletes and student-coaches to help A- and B-status athletes and coaches balance their sporting and academic commitments.

The tutor/mentor is the link between the athlete and their educational providers, and helps to coordinate the student-athlete or student-coach's study and sport commitments. The name of the athlete's tutor/mentor must be published on the FSS website.

The tutor/mentor is there to help teachers find optimal ways for the student to fulfil their study obligations, and to find adapted forms of study (such as distance learning, practical activities in the student's home town/local environment, etc...).

Article 10

Student-athletes and student-coaches who, for justifiable reasons (injuries, competitions, preparations abroad, etc.) are not able, or will not be able, to take examinations within the regular exam dates, shall be given the opportunity to take the examinations outside the scheduled exam dates, but still during the current academic year, by the course lecturer in agreement with the student.

The procedure for setting extraordinary exam dates is laid down in the UL Statute.

Article 11

In the event that a student who has the status of an athlete commits an act which is defined in the Rules on disciplinary responsibility of students of the University of Ljubljana as a minor or serious offence, it shall be dealt with in accordance with the rules governing the disciplinary responsibility of students of the University of Ljubljana.

Article 12

Appeals regarding non-compliance with the agreed rights or obligations arising from the status shall be decided on by the relevant vice dean.

The appeal shall be decided on by the competent vice dean within 14 days of receipt of a reasoned written submission.

Appeals against the decision of the relevant vice dean under these Instructions shall be decided on by the FSS Senate on the basis of an opinion delivered by the commission for student affairs.

The decision of the Senate is final.

Article 13

If proceedings establish that the FSS has not fulfilled agreed obligations, it is obliged to provide the student-athlete or student-coach with a new opportunity for them to be fulfilled, or to recognise the right in another way.

V. CESSATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF THE STATUS

Article 14

The student-athlete or student-coach's status is terminated:

- ✓ at their own wish or request;
- ✓ when the period for which the status is granted expires;
- ✓ if the student's student status is terminated;
- ✓ if they successfully complete their studies;
- ✓ if they are expelled from the university
- ✓ in the event that the Senate rejects the appeals referred to in Article 12 of these Instructions.

Article 15

If the student-athlete or student-coach, through their own fault, fails to fulfil the agreed obligations, the FSS may withdraw their status. The tutor/mentor shall make a report of non-compliance, which must include an opinion on the facts and circumstances relating to the non-compliance.

The decision on the withdrawal of status is taken in the first instance by the vice dean. The decision of the vice dean may be appealed to the FSS Senate, which will make the final decision on the matter. The Senate is a second-instance body, which takes its decisions on the basis of the opinion of the commission for student affairs.

VI. FINAL PROVISION

Article 16

These instructions shall apply from the date of signature and publication in the information system.