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Chapter I General Provisions

Article 1 This Law is formulated in accordance with the Constitution for purpose of developing undertakings of culture and sports, building up the people's physique, raising sports performance level and promoting the socialist material, ideological and cultural development.

Article 2 The State promotes development of undertaking of physical culture and sports and carries out mass sports activities to improve physical fitness of the whole nation. The work of physical culture and sports shall adhere to the principle of combining popularization with the raising the unfolding of the national fitness campaign so as to promote coordinated development of various sports.

Article 3 The State adheres to the principle that physical culture and sports should serve economic construction, national defense and social development. Undertakings of physical culture and sports shall be incorporated into the plan for national economy and social

development.

The State promotes reform in the sports administration system. The State encourages enterprises, institutions, public organizations and citizens to run and support undertakings of physical culture and sports.

Article 4 The administrative department for physical culture and sports under the State Council shall be in charge of the work of physical culture and sports throughout the country. Other relevant departments under the State Council shall, administer the work of physical culture and sports within their respective functions and powers.

The administrative departments for physical culture and sports of the local people's governments at or above the county level or the organs authorized by the people's governments at the corresponding levels shall be in charge of the work of physical culture and sports within their administrative areas.

Article 5 The State provides special guarantee to physical activities of children, juveniles and young people to improve their

physical and mental health

Article 6 The State helps ethnic minority areas develop undertakings of physical culture and sports and cultivates sport talents of ethnic minorities.

Article 7 The State promotes education and scientific research in physical culture and sports, popularizes advanced and practical achievements in sports science and technology, and develops undertakings of physical culture and sports by relying on science and technology.

Article 8 The State awards the organizations and individuals that have made contributions to the cause of physical culture and sports.

Article 9 The State encourages international exchanges in sports, the principles of independence, equality, mutual benefits and mutual respect shall be adhered to, the State sovereignty and dignity defended and the international treaties the People's Republic of China has concluded or acceded to shall be observed.

Chapter II Social Sports

Article 10 The State advocates citizens' participation in social sports activities so as to improve their physical and mental health.

Social sports activities shall be carried out in sparetime and on a voluntary, small-scale and diversified basis, following the principle of suiting such activities to the local conditions and conducting them in a scientific and civilized way.

Article 11 The State implements the National Fitness Program, carries out, the Physical Training Qualification and conducts monitoring of the people's physique.

The State practices a skill-grading sys-

tem for social sports instructors, who shall guide social sports activities.

Article 12 The local people's government at various levels shall create necessary conditions for citizens' participation in social sports activities, support and help the development of mass sports activities.

In urban areas the, role of the residents committees and other community organizations at the grass-roots level shall be brought into play in organizing residents to carry out sports activities.

In rural areas the role of the villagers' committees and cultural and sports organizations at the grass-roots level shall be brought into play in carrying out sports activities suitable to rural conditions.

Article 13 - State organs, enterprises and institutions shall carry out various kinds of sports activities and organize athletic competitions of mass character.

Article 14 Trade unions and other public organizations shall organize sports activities in light of their own characteristics.

Article 15 The State encourages and supports' the exploration, consolidation and improvement of national and folk traditional sports.

Article 16 The whole society should be concerned about and support the aged and disabled people to participate in physical activities. People's governments at various levels shall take measures to provide conditions for the aged and disabled people to participate in physical activities.

Chapter III School Sports

Article 17 Departments of education administration and schools shall take physical culture and sports as a component part of school education and cultivate talents with all-round development in moral, intellectual and

physical qualities.

Article 18 Schools must offer Physical Education and make it a subject for assessing students' academic performance.

Schools shall create conditions for organizing sports activities suitable to the special features of students who are in poor health or disabled.

Article 19 Schools must implement the National Physical Training Qualification Standards and ensure that the students have time for sports activities every day at school.

Article 20 Schools shall organize various kinds of after-class sports activities, carry out after-class athletic training and competitions, and in light of specific conditions hold a school-wide sports meet every school year.

Article 21 Schools shall, according to relevant regulations of the State, have qualified physical education teachers and ensure that they enjoy the privileges commensurate with the nature of their work.

Article 22 Schools shall, according to the criteria set by the department of education administration under the State Council, have sports fields, sports installations and facilities and sports apparatus. Sports fields in schools must be used for sports activities and may not be used for any other purposes.

Article 23 Schools shall institute a system of medical examination for students. The administrative departments for education, physical culture and sports and public health shall strengthen the monitoring of students' physique.

Chapter IV Competitive Sports

Article 24 The State promotes the development of competitive sports, encourages athletes to raise their athletic performance level and achieve excellent results in sports com-

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petitions so as to win honors for the

Article 25 The State encourages and supports sparetime athletic training to foster sports talents.

Article 26 Athletes and teams that participate in major national and international sports competitions shall be selected and formed on the principle of fairness and according to qualifications. Specific measures shall be formulated by the administrative department for physical culture and sports under the State Council.

Article 27 In nurturing athletes training and management must be carried out in a strict, scientific and civilized way. Athletes shall be educated in patriotism, collectivism and socialism as well as in morality and discipline. I

Article 28 The State grants preferential treatment to outstanding athletes in their employment and enrollment for schools.

Article 29 The national sports association of an individual sport shall manage the registration of athletes of such sport. A registered athlete may, in accordance with the regulations of the administrative department for physical culture and sports under the State Council, participate in relevant sports competitions and flow from one team to another.

Article 30 The State practices a skill-grading system for athletes and referees, and a grading system of professional and technical titles for coaches.

Article 31 The State practices classified administration of sports competitions at different levels.

Comprehensive national games shall be administered by the administrative department for physical culture and sports under the State Council or by the administrative department for physical culture and sports under the State Council in conjunction with other relevant organizations.

National competition of an individual

sport shall be administered by the national association of the said sport.

Measures for the administration of local comprehensive sports games and local individual sport competitions shall be formulated by the local people's governments.

Article 32 The State practices an examination and approval system for national sports records. National sports records shall be confirmed by the administrative department for physical culture and sports under the State Council.

Article 33 Disputes arising in competitive sports activities shall be mediated and arbitrated by sports arbitration institutions.

Measures for the establishment of sports arbitration institutions and the scope of arbitration shall be prescribed separately by the State Council.

Article 34 The principle of fair competition shall be followed in sports competition. Organizers of competitions, athletes, coach and referees shall, abide by sportsmanship, and may not, practice fraud or engage in malpractice for selfish ends.

Use of banned drugs and methods is strictly prohibited in sports activities. Institutions in charge of testing banned drugs shall conduct strict examination of the banned drugs and method.

It is strictly forbidden for any organization or individual to engage in gambling activities through sports competition.

Article 35 Symbols such as titles, emblems, flags and mascots of major sports competitions to be held within the territory of the People's Republic of China shall be protected in accordance with the relevant regulations of the State.

Chapter V Public Sports Organizations

Article 36 The State encourages and supports public sports organizations to organize

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and conduct sports activities in accordance with their articles of association to promote the development of undertaking of physical culture.

Article 37 Sports federations at various levels are mass sports organizations that link and rally athletes and sports personnel and shall fully play their roles in the development of undertakings of physical culture and sports.

Article 38 The Chinese Olympic Committee, as a sports organization whose chief task is to develop and promote the Olympic movement, shall present China to participate in international Olympic affairs.

Article 39 Public organizations of sports science are academic mass organizations of personnel engaged in sports science and technology, which shall fully play their roles in promoting the development of sports science and technology.

Article 40 The national sports association of an individual sport shall be in charge of the population and enhancement of such sport, and shall represent China in the corresponding international sports organization.

Chapter VI Conditions of Guarantee

Article 41 The people's governments at or above the county level shall include sports expenditure and funds for sports capital construction in financial budgets and plans for capital construction investment at the corresponding levels and along with the development of national economy gradually increase their input to undertakings of physical culture and sports.

Article 42 The State encourages enterprises, institutions and public organizations to raise funds on their own for the development of undertakings of physical culture and sports and encourages organizations and individuals to donate to and sponsor undertakings.