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REGULATION 1/ 2021 ON ELITE ATHLETES OF UNIVERSIDAD SAN PABLO-CEU

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

The regulation of the practice of sport at universities and its development is provided for in Spanish Organic Act 6/2001, of 21 December, on Universities, whose article 90 states that *Universities shall establish the appropriate measures to encourage the practice of sport by members of the university community and, where appropriate, provide instruments for the effective compatibility of this practice with the academic training of students.*

Furthermore, article 62 of Royal Decree 1791/2010, of 30 December, which approves the University Student Statute, expresses its concern for sport and establishes, among other things, the promotion of the compatibility of the academic and sporting activities of students, and very specifically with those who have been recognised as top-level athletes by the Higher Sports Council, or as athletes of a qualified or similar level by the Autonomous Communities. In this sense, it expressly refers to the obligation of the Universities to attend to their students' status as sportspersons in order to allow them to reconcile their academic activity with their sporting responsibilities and activities.

Likewise, Article 16 of Spanish Act 15/1994, of 28 December 1994, on Sport in the Autonomous Community of Madrid, states that Universities shall promote physical activity and sport, always within the framework of their autonomy.

Universidad San Pablo-CEU's own regulations also reflect the importance of sporting activity. Thus, article 108 of Universidad San Pablo-CEU's Organisation and Functioning Rules, approved by Decree 31/2011, of 2 June, establishes that the University will promote the practice of sport in the university environment, providing the necessary instruments and resources for its effective compatibility with the academic training of students.

Consequently, this Regulation seeks to provide legal coverage for the 'CEU Athlete Support' programme, establishing the measures for the promotion and support of university sport, defining the objectives and strategies to be followed in this area, regulating the recognition of studies and activities and establishing the necessary criteria for the reconciliation of academic and sporting activities.

The 'CEU Athlete Support Programme' and the present regulation have been drawn up within the framework of current European, national and regional legislation on sport and university matters, including the following:

At the National level:

- Act 10/1990, of 15 October, on Sport.
- Organic Act 6/2001, of 21 December, on Universities.
- Royal Decree 971/2007, of 13 July, on high-level and high-performance athletes.
- Royal Decree 1393/2007, of 29 October, which establishes the organisation of official university education.
- Royal Decree 1791/2010, of 30 December, approving the University Student Statute.
- Organic Act 3/2013 of 20 June 2013, on the protection of athletes' health and the fight against doping in sporting activity.
- Royal Decree 412/2014, of 6 June, on basic regulations for admission to undergraduate university education.
- Royal Decree 1591/1992 of 23 December 1992, on Sports Discipline.

Of the Autonomous Community of Madrid: [Act 15/1994, of 28 December 1994, on Sport of the Autonomous Community of Madrid](#)

Of the European Union: [European Union Roadmap for Sport](#) (2017-2020)

TITLE I

OBJECT AND SCOPE OF APPLICATION

Article 1. Object

The purpose of this Regulation is to define the concept of elite athletes at Universidad San Pablo-CEU, to establish their different categories, to determine their duties and rights, and to specify the measures for the promotion and support of university students, in line with the objectives of the 'CEU Support for Sportspeople' programme.

These objectives are as follows:

1. To facilitate the compatibility of academic activity with professional or high-level sporting practice.
2. To ensure that the academic performance of student athletes is not adversely affected by sport, making it possible to achieve both sporting and academic excellence.

3. To provide a fund for scholarships and other specific aid for students in the 'CEU Athlete Support' programme.
4. To provide guidance and advice to student athletes for their integration into the labour market, accompanying them until they find their first job and thus helping them to successfully complete their sporting careers.

Article 2. Addressees of the standard. Elite athletes and women

1. The addressees of this regulation, under the generic denomination of elite athletes are the following:

- a) Athletes who have been recognised as High Level (DAN), or High Performance (DAR), under the terms of the provisions of Article 2 of *Royal Decree 971/2007, of 13 July, on high-level and high-performance athletes*.
- b) Athletes called up by the legally established sports federations for any national or regional selection.
- c) Athletes belonging to the OSS Plan (Olympic Sport Support) or the PSS Plan (Paralympic Sport Support).
- d) Athletes who have participated in European University Championships, World University Championships, University Games or winter or summer university olympics.
- e) Professional athletes.
- f) Coaches, trainers and other active technicians who are professionally linked to Top Level Athletes (DAN) and professional athletes.
- g) Retired elite athletes.
- h) Athletes who, representing Universidad San Pablo-CEU, were, during the previous academic year, among the first 3 classified in the Spanish University Championships.

2. Athletes who are part of the teams representing Universidad San Pablo-CEU in Federated Competitions, in the categories and sports modalities determined in each academic year by the University's Elite Sports Commission.

3. Athletes who, not being included in the above cases, have a meritorious sporting performance that allows them to be included in the Programme, according to

the assessment carried out by the Elite Sports Commission of Universidad San Pablo CEU.

2. Both athletes of Spanish nationality and those of any other nationality who belong to one of the aforementioned groups, or who have an equivalent accreditable status in their respective countries, may take part in the Programme.

3. Athletes included in cases a), b), c), d) and e) of the first paragraph of this article must prove that they meet, or have met, the requirements of this Regulation during the academic year in which they apply or during the academic year immediately preceding it.

4. For the renewal of the place in the programme each academic year, the student must maintain the category of elite athlete in accordance with the provisions of section 1 of this Article.

Article 3. Accreditation of the status of elite athlete

1. The accreditation of the status of elite athlete in any of the categories provided for in article 2, section one of this Regulation, will be made to the University Sports Service, which, once the corresponding file has been processed, will submit a proposal for resolution to the Elite Sports Commission of Universidad San Pablo-CEU.

2. Candidates to form part of the 'CEU Athlete Support' programme must present documentation justifying their status as elite athletes, in particular:

- a) In the case of High Level Athletes (DAN), the Resolution adopted for this purpose by the Secretary of State-President of the Higher Sports Council, in collaboration with the Spanish sports federations and, where appropriate, with the Autonomous Communities, must be submitted.
- b) In the case of High Performance Athletes (DAR), Accreditation of the High Performance Athlete Qualification issued by the Higher Sports Council or the Autonomous Community, as appropriate, must be presented.
- c) In other cases, Certificates from the Higher Sports Council, the Spanish Olympic Committee, legally constituted national or regional federations of the corresponding sport, professional or amateur sports clubs, press reports, or any other accreditation considered appropriate for these purposes, must be provided.

3. The Sports Service, at its own initiative or at the initiative of the University's Elite Sports Commission, may request any additional documentation it deems appropriate to accredit the status of elite athletes.

TITLE II

ELITE SPORTS COMMISSION OF UNIVERSIDAD SAN PAULO-CEU

Article 4. Elite Sports Commission of Universidad San Pablo-CEU

For the effective application of this Regulation, Universidad San Pablo-CEU's Elite Sports Commission is constituted, which shall meet at least once a semester, with the functions and composition determined in this article.

The Elite Sports Commission of Universidad San Pablo CEU shall consist of:

- a) The Vice-Rector responsible for student affairs, or the person delegated for this purpose.
- b) The University Manager or the person delegated for this purpose.
- c) The person in charge of the 'CEU Athlete Support' programme.

The functions of the Elite Sports Commission of Universidad San Pablo-CEU are as follows:

- a) To ensure compliance with this Regulation and to resolve any doubts that may arise in its interpretation.
- b) To agree on the candidates who have accredited their status as elite athletes in any of the categories provided for in Article 2 of this Regulations once the applications received and the documentation provided have been examined.
- c) To determine what is understood by Federated Competitions, for the purposes of the provisions of Article 2.1 (i) of this Regulation.
- d) The remaining provisions of this Regulation.

TITLE III
SUPPORT MEASURES FOR CEU ATHLETE SUPPORT PROGRAMME STUDENTS

Article 5. – Academic support measures

Universidad San Pablo-CEU will develop the following support or guidance measures for the elite athlete who is part of the CEU Athlete Support programme:

- a) Guidance in the process of choosing the most appropriate studies for their sporting activity.
- b) Design of personalised academic itineraries, with the introduction of the appropriate adaptations in each academic year. In the elaboration of this plan, in addition to taking into account the student's preferences, those responsible for academics and the University Guidance Service will be consulted.
- c) Provision of a flexible teaching and assessment system within the framework of the regulatory regulations, which adapts to the needs of the elite athlete.
- d) Establishment of extended enrolment periods, once the general enrolment period has closed.
- e) Flexibility in the academic regulations relating to:
 - The minimum number of credits to be enrolled in each course, which as a guideline is set at 12 per semester.
 - The group changes, timetables and exams. The Programme will take into account for changes the holding of competitions, concentrations, institutional commitments, trips related to sporting activity, as well as high intensities of training or competitive stress.
 - The duration of the Programme or minimum number of credits to be passed per academic year. Consideration may be given to the possibility that a student athlete who is about to begin the 4th or 5th year, or who is studying at that time, may continue in the Programme even if he/she has lost the status of elite athlete, unless the loss of such status is due to having been definitively sanctioned, through administrative channels, for a doping offence or for any of the offences provided for in article 14 of Royal Decree 1591/1992, of 23 December, on sporting discipline.
- f) Recognition of academic credits for the performance of sporting activities, in those cases in which the regulations of each degree allow it.

- g) The reflection in the European Diploma Supplement and in certificates of competences or digital micro-credentials of merits for sporting activity.
- h) The provision, as far as possible, and in accordance with the provisions of agreements with external entities or in group work experience activities, of two adaptive periods of work experience during the academic year for work experience requiring attendance in person.
- i) The establishment of specific recognition for student athletes who achieve sporting and academic excellence.
- j) The assignment of an Academic Tutor, a Sports Tutor and a professional Mentor for the last two years of the Degree.
- k) The application of specific measures to facilitate immersion in university life and the relationship with fellow students at the university.
- l) The specific accompaniment for student athletes by the Careers Service.
- m) In the event of injuries resulting from their sporting activities, access to the health services (medicine, physiotherapy, dentistry and nutrition) of any of the CEU Clinics under special conditions.
- n) Free use of the University's sports facilities for training purposes, where applicable.

Article 6. Places Reservation

At least 3 % of the University's undergraduate and graduate academic places will be reserved for students who can accredit their status as elite athletes in any of the categories described in article 2, section one of this Regulation, giving preference to Top Level Athletes, and after them to High Performance Athletes, provided that they meet the corresponding academic requirements. For the remaining athletes, the order of preference shall be from b to j), according to the categories of article 2.1.

In the case of degrees related to physical activity and sports sciences, the percentage of undergraduate and postgraduate academic places reserved will be 5 %.

Article 7. Financial aid

1. Elite student athletes part of the CEU Athlete Support programme will be eligible for a CEU Merit, under the same academic and economic conditions as the 'CEU

Merit' programme's ones for other students of Universidad San Pablo-CEU and which are set out in the terms and conditions. These grants shall be incompatible with the discounts regulated in the following sections of this article.

In the case of students who are going to study two simultaneous degrees, the scholarship will be applied exclusively to the tuition fees of the first of the degrees that appears in the list included in the bases of the corresponding scholarships.

2. Those students who belong to any of the categories of elite athletes established in article 2, section one, of these Regulations, and who are not eligible for a CEU Merit scholarship because they do not meet the academic requirements, will be entitled to the discounts that, where appropriate, are established annually by the University Management. This discount will not be applicable to the amounts paid during the admission process for the reservation of a place, enrolment or other payments linked to admission to Universidad San Pablo-CEU.

3. The University's Elite Sports Commission may give awards or grants other than those mentioned above, in the case of exceptional sporting achievement by the student. A specific regulation may be drawn up to regulate new types of sporting merit awards.

TITLE IV

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE STUDENT ATHLETE

Article 8. Rights and duties of the Student Athlete

1. Whenever requested to do so by the University, the elite student athlete must inform the Sports Service, as well as the academic tutor(s), of any variation in the requirements provided at the time of applying for the grant.

2. At the request of the University, and provided that this does not interfere with their sporting preparation or their competition calendar, the elite student athlete of Universidad San Pablo-CEU must collaborate with sporting activities in their speciality organised by the University, such as attendance at the finals of internal sporting competitions, award-giving ceremonies and similar.

3. The University may use the image of its elite student athletes captured during their participation in the events listed in section 2 of this article, for the dissemination and promotion of the public, social and sporting image of the University, unless this implies a breach of the commercial image transfer or similar agreements signed by the elite athlete. In any case, the athlete must be informed of the use of his/her image in the aforementioned terms, and he or she may refuse, citing the aforementioned or similar reasons.

4. In all matters not provided for in this Regulation, the elite athlete who is a student of Universidad San Pablo-CEU shall be subject, in terms of rights and duties, to the provisions of the rest of the University's applicable regulations, especially those established in the University's Student Regulations.

FINAL PROVISION

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its approval by the Board of Trustees.