Chapter one.
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art. 1. This law settles the public relations, in connection with the physical education and sport in the Republic of Bulgaria.

Art. 2. (1) The purpose of the physical education and sport is the improvement of the health and physical development of the nation by systematic physical exercises and sport by people of all ages.
(2) The creation of the necessary conditions for systematic practising of physical exercises and sport, as well as for raising the sport prestige of the nation, is of priority in the social policy of the state and the municipalities.
(3) (New, SG 75/02) The physical education and sport shall carry out educational, health, social, cultural and recreational functions.

Art. 3. The basic principles of the system of physical education and sport, established by this law, are:
1. interaction and coordination of the efforts of the state and public institutions for establishing and efficient functioning of the system of physical education and sport;
2. complex binding of the physical education and sport with the health care and holiday activities, the education and culture, into a united functional system for improvement of its balanced effect on all strata of the population;
3. providing democracy and independent government of associations of the citizens and the choice of means and ways of practising physical exercises, sport and tourism;
4. applying system, science and differentiated approach toward practising physical exercises and sport during the entire life cycle of men;
5. compliance with the generally adopted in the world principles of physical education and sport and of the international sport cooperation.

Art. 4. (Amend., SG 75/02) The state shall encourage the development of the physical education and sport by:
1. acknowledging the practising of physical exercises, sport and tourism as inherent necessity of every Bulgarian citizen to maintain and improve his motive abilities;
2. providing possibilities and appropriate conditions to the citizens, regardless of their health, social and public status, to practice sport for health and long life;
3. creating normative provisions for the physical education and sport in the country;
4. creating conditions and supporting the sport for all, the children and youth sport, the students sport, the university sport, as well as the overall socially useful sport activity for improvement of the health condition of the nation;
5. creating conditions for the development of the sport for high achievements and providing the training and participation of national and Olympic teams in international competitions and Olympic Games;
6. constructing, maintaining, modernizing and managing sport sites and installations - state property, controlling the conditions and order of their using and purpose;
7. undertaking, coordinating, regulating and controlling the activity of the sport organisations;
8. undertaking measures for observing the norms of the obligatory medical control in the fight against using doping, for the safety of the sport sites, as well as measures against the violence and bad behaviour of spectators before, during and after sport events organised on stadiums and in sport halls;
9.(amen. – SG, N 50/2010) assisting and encouraging the non-profit legal persons for implementation of socially useful sport activity through tax, credit interest, customs and other financial and economic relief, as well as financing under conditions and by an order determined by the respective normative acts;
10. training sport specialists and assisting the improvement of their qualification;
11. carrying out scientific and research, informational and advertising activity;
12. (amen. – SG, N 50/2010) financing the programmes and projects for socially useful sport activity approved by the respective order;
13. (new – SG 50/08) creating conditions for development of public-private collaboration.

Art. 4a. (New, SG 75/02) The municipalities shall encourage the development of the physical education and sport by:
1. (suppl. – SG 50/081., amend. – SG, 50/2010) adopting a normative provision, approving and financing programmes for the development of the local sport activity in compliance with the national program referred to in Art. 7, item 3;
2. constructing, maintaining and modernising sport and tourist sites and installations on the territory of the municipality;
3. assisting the organisation of sport competitions on the territory of the municipality;
4. exercising financial, economic and control functions of the municipal sport activity;
5. (new – SG 50/08) creating conditions for development of public-private collaboration.

Art. 4b. (repealed – SG, 50/2010)

Art. 5. The citizens participate in the physical education and sport individually or through sport organisations.

Art. 6. (Suppl., SG 75/02; amend. – SG 50/08, amend. – SG, 50/2010) (1) The process of education and training in the system of the physical education and sport, as well as provisions of sport services shall be carried out by persons having professional competency and qualification.
(3) (Former Para 2, amend. and suppl. – SG, 50/2010) The Minister of the Physical Education and Sport shall issue an ordinance for the professional competency and qualification of the persons referred to in Para 1, except for the teachers in sports in higher schools and the teachers of physical culture and sports in the public education system, which includes also the schools of arts and culture. The ordinance shall determine the procedure for keeping the register under Para. 2.
Art. 7. The Council of Ministers shall:
1. approve the basic trends of the national policy in the sphere of physical education and sport;
2. (new – SG, 50/2010) propose for adoption by the National Assembly a national strategy for development of the physical education and sport for the period of 10 years;
3. (suppl. – SG 50/08, former p. 2 – SG, 50/2010) adopt national programme for development of the physical education and sport for a period of 4 years, coinciding with the Olympic cycle and shall report on its fulfilment by submitting for adoption by the National Assembly a report on its fulfillment;
3. (new – SG 50/08, former p. 3 – SG, 50/2010) provide annually relevant funds for the development of the physical education and sports through the law of the state budget of the Republic of Bulgaria.

Art. 8. (Amend., SG 75/02; amend. - SG 103/05) (1) (amend. – SG, 50/2010) The Minister of Physical Education and Sport shall direct, coordinate and control the implementation of the state policy in the sphere of the physical education, sport and social tourism.
(2) (amend. - SG 103/05, amend. – SG, 50/2010) The Minister of Physical Education and Sport shall direct and represent the Ministry of Physical Education and Sport.
(3) (amend. - SG 103/05, amend. SG, 50/2010) The Minister of Physical Education and Sport shall:
1. (amend. – SG, 50/2010) develop and propose to the Council of Ministers the a national strategy and national programme for the development of the physical education and sport;
2. (amend. – SG, 50/2010) interact with the state and municipal bodies for the development of the physical education and sport;
3. interact with the sport organisations in carrying out the national sport programme and coordinate their activity with the state and municipal bodies;
4. (repealed, SG, 50/2010)
5. exercise supervision over the activity of the sport organisations and the observance of this law;
6. in fulfilment of the national programme for the development of the physical education and sport jointly with the sport federations and the Bulgarian Olympic Committee implement the financing of a programme for training and participation of the Bulgarian athletes in Olympic games;
7. (amend. – SG 50/08) support the activity of sport organizations, registered as non-profit legal entities for carrying out activities to public benefit, for implementation of the state policy in the field of sport and social tourism;
8. (amend. – SG 50/08, amend. – SG, 50/2010) administer the sport sites and installations - state property submitted by the respective order to the Ministry in consideration of the needs, for which they are provided;
9. (amend. – SG, 50/2010) exercise the rights of the sole owner of the capital in sole-owner trade companies and the rights of an owner of the capital of the state in trade companies in the sphere of the physical education and sport and the social tourism, where the state is a stock holder or partner;
10. exercise control over the observance of the regime of using the national sport sites and installations - state property for the needs of the physical education, sport and social tourism;
11. appoint the bodies of management of the Bulgarian sport totaliser and make proposal for adoption of its structural regulations by the Council of Ministers;
12. (suppl. – SG 50/08) issue, reject, renew and withdraw licences to the sport federations and to the national sport organisations for carrying out sport activity;
13. (amend. - SG 103/05, amend. – SG, 50/2010) represent the Republic of Bulgaria before foreign countries and international organisations for negotiating and conclude international agreements for cooperation in the sport activity;
14. in compliance with the requirements of the international sport organisations, upon coordination with other state and municipal bodies, permit the holding of regional, European and world championships on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria;
15. organise the prevention and control over the use of doping in the sport;
16. support and interact with the competent state and municipal bodies, as well as with their administrations in the fight against the violence in sport;
17. (amend. – SG, 50/2010) adopt and support programmes for improvement of the qualification of the sport specialists and training of instructors for the needs of the sport for everyone;
18. (amend. – SG, 50/2010) organise and support the activity related to the problems of the physical education and sport for the realisation of the state and local policy;
19. (amend. – SG 50/08) approve the criteria, the conditions and the order of awarding athletes, sport specialists and figures, as well as talented children and young people in the field of sports.
20. (new – SG, 50/2010) propose to the Minister of Education, Youth and Science the opening, reconstructing and closure of the state sport schools and shall appoint their directors;
21. (new – SG, 50/2010) grant the status of high-level sports-person and sport-people with high sport results

(4) (amend. - SG 103/05, amend. – SG, 50/2010) The Minister of Physical Education and Sport shall be primary administrator of budget credits and shall:
1. (amend. – SG, 50/2010) in coordination with Minister of Finance shall confirm a plan for distribution of the receipts from the Bulgarian sport totaliser;
2. allocate the resources from the receipts of the Bulgarian sport totaliser for development of the physical education and sport in compliance with the national programme adopted by the Council of Ministers.

Art. 8a. (New, SG 50/2010) (1) Under the Minister of Physical Education and Sport a consultative unit shall be established – “Expert council for physical education and sport.
(2) The Expert council for physical education and sport shall include representatives of the Ministry of Physical Education and Sport, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Science, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Interior, the National Municipality Association in the Republic of Bulgaria, the higher schools, the National Sport Academy, the Bulgarian Olympic Committee, the sport schools, sport organizations and other legal non-profitable persons with subject of activity in the area of the physical education and sport and the social tourism, as well as famous specialists in these areas.
(3) The Expert council for physical education and sport shall discuss and give opinion on:
1. the national strategy and national programme for development of the physical education and sport;
2. drafts of legal acts in the area of the physical education and sport;
3. scientific-research, methodological, experimental and incorporate activities in the system of the physical education and sport;
5. development and confirmation of criteria for social incorporation of the types of sports and social tourism for effectiveness of the system of the physical education and sport.
(4) The activity organization of the Expert council for physical education and sport shall be determined by an act of the Minister of Physical Education and Sport.


Chapter three.
SPORT ORGANISATIONS

Art. 10. (1) The sport organisations are legal persons, carrying out training, competitions and organisational and administrative activities on one or several sports, develop and promote the physical education and sport.
(2) Sport organisations are: sport clubs, sport federations and national sport organisations.
(3) The state shall promote the establishing and functioning of sport organisations.
(4) (new – SG 50/08) The sport organizations shall adopt and implement programs of development of sports, drawn up in compliance with the national development program of physical education and sports.
(5) (amend., SG 53/00; amend., SG 75/02; amend. - SG 103/05; prev. part. 4 – SG 50/08, amend. – SG, 50/2010) The sport federations and the national sport organisations shall, within 3-month term from acquiring the status of legal persons, file documents for licensing at the Ministry of Physical Education and Sport under conditions and procedure established by this law.
(6) (New, SG 75/02; prev. part. 5 – SG 50/08) The sport clubs shall, within one month from acquiring the quality of a legal person, file documents for membership in the respective licensed sport federations.

Art. 11. (1) The sport club are voluntary associations of citizens, non-profit legal persons, developing and promoting the physical education and sport and carry out training and competition for one or more sports.
(2) For achievement of their goals the sport clubs shall:
1. assist the sport practice of the citizens, organising them for practising physical exercises and sport;
2. organise schools and courses for training and competitions activities;
3. organise and administer sport competitions;
4. (amend. – SG, 50/2010) construct, manage and maintain and use sport sites and installations;
5. train athletes;
6. carry out other activities related to the development and promotion of sport.
(3) (New, SG 75/02) The sport clubs for the different kinds of sport can associate in united sport clubs - non-profit legal persons.
(3) (revoked., SG 53/00)
(4) (revoked, SG 53/00)

Art. 12. (1) (Amend., SG 75/02) The sport clubs, which develop and practice professional sport, can be registered as joint-stock companies - professional sport clubs, or as non-profit associations - professional sport clubs.
(2) New, SG 75/02) The professional sport clubs must also meet the following additional conditions:
1. their name shall explicitly indicate that they are a "professional sport club";
2. to have stipulated through contracts the rights and obligations of the professional athletes according to their status;
3. one individual or legal person shall not hold the majority shares or the control of two or more professional sport clubs participating in one competition or championship;
4. the professional sport clubs - joint-stock companies shall issue only registered stocks.
(3) (New, SG 75/02) The merger, separation, division and incorporation of the professional sport clubs according to the Commercial Law or according to the Law for the non-profit legal persons shall not lead to the replacement of the classification of the teams in the respective championships and their transition from one to another group.
(4) (amend. SG 12/98; prev. Para 2 - SG 75/02) Sport sites and facilities - public state or municipal property shall not be possible to be included in the assets of commercial companies.

Art. 13. (amend., SG 53/00; amend. – SG 50/08) Upon acquiring a membership in the respective sport
federation the sport clubs under art. 11, para 1 and art. 12, para 1 shall have the right:
1. to propose to the respective sport federations the granting, termination and revoking of competition rights of the sportsmen;
2. to carry out transfer of sportsmen;
3. to hold the rights of advertising, TV and radio broadcasting of sport events organised by them under conditions and by an order determined by the respective sport federation;
4. (amend. – SG, 50/2010) to provide sport services.

Art. 14. (1) The sport federations are voluntary associations of sport clubs for one or similar sports, which coordinate the development, practising and administration of the respective sport on national level on the territory of the country, representing them before the state and the international sport organisations.
(2) (Amend., SG 75/02; amend. – SG 50/08) The clubs for sport and tourist, military and technical, motor, hunting and fishing, as well as the sport clubs of people with disabilities, veterans and clubs established on administrative and branch principle can unite in multi-sport federations.
(3) (New, SG 75/02; amend. - SG 103/05, amend. – SG, 50/2010) Created in support of the school, students and militarised sport can be multi-sport federations and associations under conditions and by an order determined by the respective ministers in coordination with the Minister of the Physical Education and Sport.

Art. 15. (1) The national sport organisations are voluntary associations of sport clubs, and/or sport federations, which coordinate their activities in a definite subject of activity of the system of physical education, sport and social tourism, and interact with the state and with the international sport organisations in forming and implementing the national sport policy.
(2) (Amend., SG 75/02; amend. - SG 103/05, amend. – SG, 50/2010) The Minister of Physical Education and Sport shall acknowledge the statute of national sport organisations of those of them, which have members of at least two thirds of the sport clubs, and/or sport federations, carrying out activities in the respective subject sphere of the system of physical education, sport and social tourism.
(3) (suppl. – SG 50/08) The national sport organisations shall be registered as non-profit legal persons acting in public favour.
(4) (new – SG 50/08) The national sport organisations shall take part in development, realization and reporting on the results of implementation of the national development program of physical education and sports.

Art. 16. (1) The Bulgarian Olympic Committee is a non-profit legal person, exercising the legal rights and competence, related to the development of the Olympic movement and propagation of the Olympic ideas in the country.
(2) In its activity the Bulgarian Olympic Committee shall be guided by the provisions of the Bulgarian legislation and by the norms of the Charter of the International Olympic Committee.
(3) (amend., SG 53/00; amend. – SG 50/08) The state shall assist the training and the participation of Bulgarian athletes in the Olympic games and Olympic games for people with disabilities.
(4) (New, SG 75/02) The Olympic symbols and signs can be used only by permit of the Bulgarian Olympic Committee.

Art. 17. (amend. – SG 50/08, amend. – SG, 50/2010) (1) The Minister of Physical Education and Sport shall issue, renew, reject and withdraw a sport license of sport federations and national sport organizations following the provisions of this law and under a procedure, determined by an issued by
him ordinance.

(2) A sport license shall be issued to an organization referred to in Para. 1, which meets the following conditions:

1. to be registered as a non-profit legal entity for carrying out activities in public favour with a scope of activity – arranging and carrying out training and competition process in a specific or similar types of sports;
2. (amend. – SG, 50/2010) to have an established structure as an association of at least 7 sport clubs, registered in not less than 3 administrative districts of the Republic of Bulgaria;
3. to have got approved rules of holding competitions, included in the state sport calendar in the sport or the similar kinds of sports, which is to be developed and managed;
4. to have got an approved development program in the respective subject field of the physical education and sports and the social tourism.
5. (new – SG, 50/2010) has done categorization of the sport clubs, members in it under criteria, determined by the Rules for implementation of the law.

(3) (amend. – SG, 50/2010) The sport licence shall be issued for a period of 2 years and shall include:

1. acknowledgement on the part of the state that the respective sport organisation is competent to carry out the activities, determined in this law;
2. the right of the sport organization to be supported by the state and the municipalities for the carried out by it activities in public favour;
3. a permit to the sport organisation to fulfil administrative functions, related to the regulations of the respective type of sport;
4. the right of the sport organization to arrange and hold competitions, to register sport results, to award titles and to nominate the members of national teams.

(4) A sport licence may be issued to only one sport federation of a specific or similar kinds of sports and to one multi-sport federation, established by a respective uniting principle.

(5) A sport license may be issued to only one national sport organization in the respective subject field of the physical education, sports and social tourism.

Art. 17a. (new – SG 50/08, amend. – SG, 50/2010) (1) The application for issuing of a sport license and the documents to be attached thereto, shall be submitted to the Minister of Physical Education and Sport.
(2) (amend. – SG, 50/2010) The Minister of Physical Education and Sport within one month after the submission of the application shall grant or reject by a justified order issuance of a sport license.
(3) (amend. – SG, 50/2010) The Minister of Physical Education and Sport shall reject issuance of a sport license when the sport organization:

1. does not meet the requirements of this law or has failed to follow the set by the ordinance referred to in Art. 17, Para 1 procedure of filing of application and the documents attached thereto;
2. carries out a sport activity, for which another sport organization has got an issued sport license;
3. carries out a sport activity, which may not be defined as a sport one;
4. does not have an approved sport calendar;
5. does not have an approved budget;
6. has got overdue debts to the state and/or municipalities;
7. is in insolvency or liquidation proceedings or has been announced in insolvency.

Art. 17b. (new – SG 50/08, amend. – SG, 50/2010) (1) The licensed sport organizations shall be subject to appraisal for license renewal. The application for renewing the sport license and the documents attached thereto shall be submitted within 2 months prior to expiration of the validity of the license in force following the procedure, set in the ordinance of Art. 17, Para. 1.
(2) (amend. – SG, 50/2010) The appraisal under Para.1 shall be done by a commission, appointed by the Minister of Physical Education and Sport, subject to the following requirements:
1. for a sport federation:
   a) in the course of arranging and conducting of training and competition activity over the period subject to appraisal, it has complied with the rules adopted by it and the applicable laws;
   b) it has arranged annually state championships in the managed by it specific or similar kinds of sports;
   c) it has achieved a level of public promotion of the respective types of sports, measured by means of a system of Parameters of sport development: number of athletes by age groups, participating in the training and competition activities, coaches, sport experts, sport referees, established sport clubs, arranged competitions, sport achievements and developed network of sport services for the citizens;
   d) it has undertaken particular measures for the development of sports for children and adolescents, including for discovering and supporting of sport talents;
   e) it has followed and has promoted humanitarian principles of sports and sport ethics and has implemented relevant actions for not-allowing the use of doping and violation before, during and after holding of sport events;
2. for a national sport organization:
   a) the number of the participating in it sport federations shall meet the requirement of Art. 15, Para 2;
   b) it has fulfilled the sport development program in the respective subject field of the physical education, sports and social tourism;
   c) has maintained cooperation with the state authorities, municipalities and international sport organizations for protection of its members interests and settlement of occurring problems;
   d) it has observed and has promoted humanitarian principles of sports and sport ethics and it has performed relevant actions for non-admitting the use of doping and violation before, during and after holding of a sport event.

(3) (new – SG, 50/2010) The sport license shall be renewed every 4 years.
(4) (former Para. 3, amend. – SG, 50/2010) The Minister of Physical Education and Sport may refuse renewal of a sport license, where one or more of the following conditions refer to the sport organization:
1. it has not submitted an application for renewal of the sport license within the term set in Para 1, unless there is a valuable reason thereof, as set forth in the ordinance referred to in Art. 17, Para 1;
2. it has not submitted the required documents to be attached to the application;
3. in case of non-fulfillment of one or more of the requirements under Para 2;
4. it does not have an approved sport calendar;
5. it does not have an approved budget;
6. it has got overdue liabilities to the state and/or municipalities;
7. it has got overdue liabilities, derived from the use of sport sites and facilities – owned by business companies with 50 and more than 50 per cent of state or municipal share in the capital;
8. it is in insolvency or liquidation proceedings or has been announced in insolvency.

Art. 17c. (new – SG 50/08, amend. – SG, 50/2010) (1) The Minister of Physical Education and Sport shall withdraw the sport license, provided that it has been identified, that the sport organization:
1. fails to observe or violates the provisions of this law;
2. fails to observe or violates the conditions and the procedure for licensing of sport organizations, set forth in Art. 17, Para 1;
3. does not have an approved sport calendar;
4. does not have an approved budget;
5. has got overdue liabilities to the state and/or municipalities;
6. has got overdue liabilities, derived from the use of sport sites and facilities – owned by business companies with 50 and more than 50 per cent of state or municipal share in the capital;
7. is in insolvency or liquidation proceedings or has been announced in insolvency;
8. violates its by-laws.
9. (new – SG, 50/2010) the funds, granted as provided by this law have been spent unlawfully;
10. (new – SG, 50/2010) the provisions of Art. 17b, Para. 2 have not been implemented.

(2) The validity of the sport license shall be terminated:
1. upon a sport organization request in writing;
2. in case of winding up of the legal entity;
3. upon expiration of the license validity, unless it is renewed.

Art. 17d. (new – SG 50/08, amend. – SG, 50/2010) (1) The Minister of Physical Education and Sport shall organize the establishment and shall keep a public national register of the licensed sport organizations and of their member clubs.

(2) The orders, by which a sport license is issued, renewed, rejected or withdrawn, shall be subject to appeal following the provisions of the Code of Administrative Procedure.

Art. 18. (Amend., SG 75/02) The sport clubs and associations, members of a licensed sport federation, shall have the right to participate in state championships and in international competitions, to organise amateur and professional teams, to receive state support and to use sport grounds and installations which are state and municipal property, by an order established for this purpose.

Art. 19. (1) The sport federations, given sport licence, shall have the right to:
1. regulate and organise the state championships of the country of the respective sport;
2. distinguish the champions of the respective age groups;
3. (suppl. – SG 50/08, amend. – SG, 50/2010) confer titles to athletes, coaches, sport specialists;
4. (new – SG, 50/2010) propose to the Minister of Physical Education and Sport to award status of a high level sport-person to sport-people with high sport results;
5. (former p. 4 – SG, 50/2010) work out and apply specific normative and methodological and administrative ordinance for the respective sport;
6. (former p. 5 – SG, 50/2010) select and organise the training of the national teams and represent the Republic of Bulgaria at international sport competitions and forums;
7. (amend., SG 53/00; revoked, SG 75/02, former p. 6, - SG, 50/2010)
8. (new – SG, 50/2010) train specialised technical and administrative specialists of the respective sport;
9. (sanction athletes and officials who have permitted the use of doping and implementation of doping methods in the training and sport activity;
10. (amend., SG 53/00, former p. 9 – SG, 50/2010) carry out sport jurisdiction and sport and technical arbitration, adopt rules for the activity of an arbitrage body under them, which shall pronounce on the creation, interruption, withdrawal and termination of the competition rights and on disputes, determined by the rules of the federations;
11. (amend., SG 53/00, former p. 10 – SG, 50/2010) grant, terminate and revoke the competition rights of the sportsmen and hold the rights of advertising, TV and radio broadcasting of sport events organised by them by submitting, on contractual basis, a percentage of the receipts to the sport clubs - participants in the event.

(2) The sport federations cannot lay down terms of participation in the state championships by only professional athletes and/or professional teams.

(3) (new, - SG, 50/2010) Awarding status of high level sport-person and awarding titles to sport people, coaches, and sport specialists shall be carried out under conditions and procedure, determined by an ordinance of the Minister of Physical Education and Sport.

Art. 20. (1) (amend. - SG 75/02; amend. - SG 103/05, amend. – SG, 50/2010) The Ministry of Physical Education and Sport shall interact with the sport organisations in forming and implementation of the national policy for the development of the physical education and sport.

(2) (amend., SG 53/00; amend. - SG 103/05; amend. – SG 50/08, amend. – SG, 50/2010) The mutual
Chapter four.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT IN THE SCHOOLS, THE ARMED FORCES AND THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (Title amend., SG 75/02)

Art. 21. (1) (amend. - SG 103/05; amend. – SG 74/09, in force from 15.09.2009, amend. – SG, 50/2010) The physical education, sport and tourism in the pre-school institutions, the general education the special and professional schools are an integral part of the educational process and it is carried out by programmes of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Science, in coordination with The Ministry of Physical Education and Sport.

(2) The number of classes for each school grade, as well as the marks system for their efficiency, shall be determined by academic plans and by the state educational requirements, depending on the age groups and the categories and criteria for the functional status of the students.

(3) (Suppl., SG 75/02) The hours, determined for physical education and outings in the natural environment cannot be less than three hours weekly and cannot be used for other purposes.

(4) (suppl. – SG 50/08) The schools shall provide conditions for classes of physical exercises and sport, with medical purposes, and also conditions for classes of physical exercises and sports for students with disabilities.

(5) (New, SG 75/02; amend. - SG 103/05, amend. - SG, 50/2010) The sport clubs at the higher and high schools shall be established under conditions and by an order determined by the respective minister in coordination with The Minister of Physical Education and Sport.

Art. 22. (1) (amend. – SG 50/08) The schools shall provide conditions for continuation of the sport classes beyond the obligatory physical education.

(2) (Suppl., SG 75/02; amend. – SG 50/08) The extracurricular sport activities of the students is voluntary and it shall be carried out in the classes of the optional education classes and through school sport sections and clubs. School sport sections and clubs may be established with the consent of the director of the school, under the instructions of teachers and coaches having a professional qualification in the respective kind of sport with the support of the school board of trustees.

(3) (amend., SG 53/00; amend., SG 75/02) The extracurricular training and competition activities of the students is voluntary and it shall be organised by the school sport clubs, school sport sections and teams, the student's sport schools with the support of the school boards of trustees.

(4) The students' sport schools are extracurricular units on territorial principle, where the students can continue the development of their physical qualities and the knowledge, skills and habits, special for a given kind of sport.

(5) (Suppl., SG 75/02) The schools shall promote the participation of the students in the school sport clubs, school sport sections and team.

(6) (New, SG 75/02; amend. - SG 103/05; amend. – SG 74/09, in force from 15.09.2009, amend. – SG, 50/2010) The extracurricular training and competition activity of the students shall be organised by an order determined by the Minister of Education, Youth and Science in coordination with the Minister of Physical Education and Sport.

(7) (new – SG 50/08) Specialized classes by kinds of sports may be opened in the schools.

(8) (new – SG 50/08) Financing of activities under Para. 1 – 7 shall be provided from the state budget, municipalities, natural persons and legal entities.
Art. 23. (1) (amend., SG 53/00, in force from the school 2011/2012) After check up of their abilities in the relevant type of sport, students may continue their education in V, VI, VII, VIII and IX class of the sport schools
(2) The sport schools shall provide common educational sport – and after finished VIII class – also vocational preparation. The education of the students for acquiring vocational qualification shall be conducted under the conditions and procedure if the Law on the Vocational Education and Training.
(3) The state sport schools shall be funded by the state budget through the Ministry of the Physical Education and Sport and shall be opened, reformed and closed by an order of the Minister of Education Youth and Science upon proposal of the Minister of Physical Education and Sport under the conditions and procedure and in compliance with criteria, determined by the Rules for application of the law.
(4) The municipal sport schools shall be funded by the municipal budgets and shall be opened, reformed and closed by an order of the Minister of Education Youth and Science after coordination with the Minister of Physical Education and Sport under the terms and procedure, determined by the Law on the National Education.
(5) The Minister of Education, Youth and Science shall confirm the educational programmes on sport preparation in the sport schools upon proposal of the Minister of Physical Education and Sport.
(6) The directors of the state sport schools shall be appointed by the Minister of Physical Education and Sport on the basis of a competition, conducted as provided by the Labour Code and under conditions, determined by the Rules for application of the Law on the Physical Education and Sport.
(7) The directors of the municipal sport school shall be appointed by the head of the regional inspectorate on education on the basis of a competition, conducted as provided by the Labour Code and under conditions, determined by the Rules for application of the Law on the National Education.
(8) To occupy the position of director of a sport school may apply any person, who has graduated higher education at the level of “Master” and at least 3 years teaching experience or professional experience in the field of the physical education and sport.
(9) The state plan-admittance for the state and municipal sport schools shall be confirmed by an order of the Minister of Physical Education and Sport, in coordination with the Minister of Education, Youth and Science.
(10) The Minister of Physical Education and Sport, in coordination with the Minister of Education, Youth and Science shall adopt an ordinance for the terms and procedure of the admittance and sport preparation of the students in the sport schools.

Art. 24. (1) (Prev. text of art. 24 - SG 75/02) The schools shall create, maintain and develop the necessary suitable installations and equipment for practising physical activities and sport and shall provide conditions for their adequate use within the frames of the obligatory programme and the extracurricular activities of the physical education and sport.
(2) (New, SG 75/02) The school and students sport clubs shall be structures of the school and students sport federations and associations.

Art. 25. (1) (Suppl., SG 75/02; amend. – SG 41/07) The physical education and sport in the higher schools are an integral part of the education of the students, in the form of obligatory and optional classes, with a minimal duration of the obligatory classes of 60 hours per year for the students being educated for acquisition of educational and qualification degree "Bachelor" or for acquisition of educational and qualification degree "Master" pursuant to Art. 42, para 1, item 2, item "a" of the Law for the Higher Education.
(2) The academic programmes for physical education and sport shall be worked out in compliance with the profile of the higher school and the proposals of the Student Council.
(3) The mark system for the physical fitness of the students shall be determined by the higher school.
Art. 26. (1) The training and competition activity in the higher schools is voluntary and it shall be carried out by the students' sport clubs.
(2) The higher schools shall promote the establishment and the development of students' sport clubs and shall assist their socially useful sport activity.
(3) The higher schools shall provide the possibility of combining the training and competition activity of outstanding athlete students with the requirements of the academic process.
(4) Special scholarships can be determined for outstanding athlete students in the higher schools.
(5) (New – SG, 50/2010, in force from the school year 2011/2012) Upon proposal of the Minister of the Physical Education and Sport and after decision of the academic council, the higher schools may accept without competition examination sports people with medals from Olympic games, world and European competitions, apart from the yearly number of students for acceptance, confirmed by the Law on the Higher Education.

Art. 27. (1) (Amend., SG 75/02) The physical education and sport in the armed forces and in the Ministry of Interior are an obligatory element of the military training, the educational process and the motive regime of the military men and of the employees of the Ministry of Interior.
(2) (Amend., SG 75/02) The hours of physical education and sport shall be carried out according to programmes, approved respectively by the minister of defence or by the Minister of Interior.
(3) (Amend. – SG 50/08) Sport clubs, except for those referred to in par. 2, may include in their name notions, related to the defense or interior affairs, only with the permission of the respective minister.
(4) (New – SG 50/08) The Minister of Defense and the Minister of Interior shall determine a procedure and the way of organization and holding of sport competition activity for the employees of the armed forces and of the Ministry of Interior respectively.

Art. 28. (Amend., SG 75/02) (1) The military servicemen, the civilians and the workers in the armed forces, as well as the employees of the Ministry of Interior can be members of sport clubs.
(2) In the system of the Ministry of defence and the Ministry of Interior can be established sport clubs, under conditions and by an order determined by the respective ministers. Other persons can also be members of these clubs.
(3) The Minister of Defence and the Minister of Interior shall approve respectively the structure and the regulations for the structure and activity of the sport clubs under para 2 shall carry out the general management and control over them; shall determine the conditions and order of using the submitted state property by the sport clubs under para 2, as well as the conditions and order of participation of professional athletes in them.

Art. 29. (1) (prev., Art. 29 - SG 53/00; amend., SG 75/02) The students, the servicemen and the civilians and the workers in the armed forces, as well as the employees of the Ministry of Interior who are athletes of the national teams of the country or participants in state championships in a definite sport shall be trained and shall compete by an order, determined by the respective ministers who can, for this purpose, establish specialised formations for training and competition.
(2) (New, SG 53/00) The sportsmen included in the specialised formations under para 1 shall be proposed by the licensed federations and can retain their club membership registered before their inclusion in them.

Chapter five.
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT FOR ALL
Art. 30. (1) The physical education, sport and tourism are basic means of strengthening of health and the physical fitness of the nation, and they are promoted and assisted by the municipalities and the state.
(2) (amend. – SG 50/08) The creation of conditions for sessions of physical exercises and sport for the population is an integral part of the social policy of the municipalities for their populated areas.

Art. 31. (1) (amend. – SG 50/08) The municipalities shall determine the order and shall provide suitable conditions of using the municipal sport premises by citizens, practicing physical exercises and sport for all.
(2) The municipalities and the sport organisations, using state or municipal sport grounds, shall provide coaches, methodological and medical aid to the citizens who practice physical exercises and sport for all, under conditions determined by the respective state and municipal bodies.

Art. 32. (1) (suppl. – SG 50/08) The municipalities shall assist the development of the sport for all and the social tourism by creating and maintaining rest areas, health routes, children's sport platforms, bicycle lanes and suitable infrastructure to the mountain and high-mountain huts, camping lots and shelters.
(2) (amend. and suppl., SG 53/00; amend. – SG 50/08) The organisations and the persons managing and using tourist huts, homes, bedding homes, camping lots and shelters shall maintain the tourist marking in their adherent regions and shall provide facilities to the individual and organised tourists, if they observe the instructions of the Mountain Rescue Service at the Bulgarian Red Cross regarding the safety conditions.
(3) The employers shall create and provide conditions for physical education, sport and active rest of the workers and employees. The resources necessary for this purpose shall be determined by team employment contracts.

Art. 33. (1) (amend., SG 53/00; amend. – SG 50/08) The physical education and sport for people with disabilities shall aim at the improvement of their quality of living, their rehabilitation and social integration by providing relevant conditions for practising different kinds of sports.
(2) (New, SG 53/00; amend. - SG 103/05; amend. – SG 50/08, amend. – SG, 50/2010) The Ministry of Physical Education and Sport shall support by expedient resources the preparation and the participation of the sportsmen with disabilities in Olympic games, world and European championships.
(3) (prev. para 2 - SG 53/00; amend. – SG 50/08) The athletes with disabilities shall use free of charge the state and municipal sport grounds and shall not pay fees for competitions.

Chapter five.
"b" SOCIAL TOURISM (New, SG 53/00)

Art. 33a. (amend. – SG 50/08) (1) Social tourism shall be practiced by the citizens individually or through participation in tourist association. Arrangement of particular tourist events, and provision of related to the services may be done also by other persons subject to observance of the provisions of this law.
(2) A tourist association is a non-profit legal entity, registered in public favour in compliance with the provisions of the Law for the non-profit legal entities, the main scope of activity of which is arrangement of social tourism.
(3) Tourist associations may unite on a territorial and national level. On a national level only one association may be established, which shall have a status of a national sport organization and shall be licensed under the provisions of Art. 17.
(4) Social tourism shall be practiced through tourist activity, by using the existing facilities –
Art. 33b. The Council of Ministers, the respective ministries, the competent state bodies and public organisations shall assist the practising of the social tourism by the citizens of the Republic of Bulgaria.

Art. 33c. (amend. – SG 50/08; amend. – SG 74/09, in force from 15.09.2009, amend. – SG, 50/2010) The Minister of Education, Youth and Science in coordination with The Minister of Physical Education and Sport shall determine the obligatory requirements related to the practising of the tourism for children and students, organized by kindergartens, schools and administrative units.

Chapter six.
SPORT FOR TOP ACHIEVEMENTS

Art. 34. (1) The state and the municipalities, jointly and in cooperation with sport organisations shall support and develop the sport for top achievements, for raising its prestigious, integrating and educational functions as a factor of sport development in the following activities:
1. discovering and assisting the sport talents;
2. education of coaches and development of the educational and training process;
3. assisting the sport medicine and sport science;
4. submitting to sport organisation suitable installations for training and competition.
(2) Observe the development of the sport for top achievements to develop by respecting the sport ethics, as well as protecting the health, the moral and the physical inviolability of the athletes.

Art. 35. (amend. - SG 50/08) (1) The training and competition activities for top sport feats shall be carried out by persons, registered as amateur or professional athletes under coaches supervision.
(2) Sport competitions shall be held under the control of referees, which shall monitor for observance of the rules, approved by the respective international sport federation.
(3) (amend. - SG, 50/2010) The status of the amateur and professional athletes shall be determined by regulations of the sport federations approved by the Minister of Physical Education and Sport.
(4) The qualification and the rights of referees shall be acquired through training and testing in the respective sport federation, which shall determine their status independently subject to observance of the requirements of the respective international sport federations.
(5) When organising and holding the state championships the sport federations may establish professional groups, where only professional athletes and professional teams participate and compete. The conditions and the procedure of the transfer of an amateur team into the professional group and the related to this modification of the status of the team and included into it athletes shall be determined by the sport federations.
(6) Sport federations may establish professional leagues, which shall be their subsidiary bodies in holding of state championships of professional groups. Only one professional league may compete for each individual kind of sport.

Art. 35a. (new – SG 50/08) (1) Sport federations shall determine the conditions and the procedure of registration of amateur and professional athletes.
(2) The registration shall be an act, through which eligibility to play is instituted for a particular natural person, acquiring the status of an athlete.
(3) The registration shall be done only upon a written request by the person, wishing to be registered.
(4) The amateurs and professional athletes shall acquire eligibility to play upon registration in the
licensed federation for the respective sport. The application for registration shall be made by the club, to which the athlete has provided his/her eligibility to play.

Art. 35b. (new – SG 50/08) (1) The eligibility to play shall be the combination of the athlete’s right to participate in the training and competition activity of a sport club, and the related to this participation rights.
(2) The eligibility to play of an athlete may be transferred by the club, in which he/she is registered, or be loaned for temporary eligibility in another club only with the explicit written consent of the athlete.

Art. 35c. (new – SG 50/08) (1) Transfer rights shall be the combination of the right to negotiate a change of club affiliation of an athlete and the right to get a transfer price.
(2) The transfer rights belong to the club, in which a particular person is registered as an athlete.
(3) A person, not having a valid contract with a sport club and not being registered, may individually negotiate the conditions for acquisition of eligibility to play for a particular sport club.

Art. 35d. (1) (new – SG 50/08, former text of Art. 35d – SG, 50/2010) A third person may mediate in negotiating for acquiring or transfer of eligibility to play, provided that the said person meets the following requirements:
1. he/she is registered as a businessman;
2. he/she has a concluded agreement with a sport club or a natural person, which wished to acquire the status of an athlete or to change his/her club affiliation.
3. (new – SG, 50/2010) entered into the register of the persons, who perform mediation under the relevant licensed sport federation.
(3) (new – SG, 50/2010). Except by a person under Para. 1, a sport-person may be represented during negotiation for acquiring or transfer of competition rights by:
1. a lawyer;
2. a parent, or a spouse.

Art. 36. (1) (suppl. – SG 50/08) The training and the participation in competitions of the state and international sport calendar shall be organised by the sport clubs and federations.
(2) The sport federations shall adopt ordinances for carrying out regional and state championships and the competitions of the state sport calendar for the respective sport.
(3) (Amend., SG 75/02; amend. - SG 103/05, amend. – SG, 50/2010) The regional and national school and students' championships and the championships within the system of the armed forces shall be organised by the school, students' and military sport clubs and federations in interaction with the respective ministries, administrative bodies and the Ministry of Physical Education and Sport.
(4) The participation of athletes, coaches and specialists in the national Olympic teams of the Republic of Bulgaria shall be determined as a mission of the public interest and prestige, and it shall be subject to a special aid and guarantees on part of the state.

Chapter seven.

SCIENTIFIC AND RESEARCH ACTIVITY AND TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS

Art. 37. (1) The scientific and research and applied activity in the system of physical education and sport shall be carried out on the basis of the National programme for development of the physical education and sport in the Republic of Bulgaria.
Chapter eight.
SPORT ETHICS

Art. 41. (1) The state, the specialised state bodies and the sport organisations shall:
1. protect and develop moral and ethical bases of sport;
2. protect the sport and the athletes against exploitation for political, commercial and financial interests and from harmful and humiliating activities;
3. promote and support sport organisations and persons who have demonstrated solid ethical principles in their work in the sport sphere;
4. undertake suitable public educational measures for popularising the sport ideals, the fair play, the promotion of the mutual respect between spectators and athletes, as well as for a better active sport practising;
5. take measures against the acts of violence during sport competitions, the use of doping and all forms of social discrimination.
(2) (New, SG 53/00, amend. SG 96/04; suppl. – SG 50/08, repealed, - SG, 50/2010)
(3) (prev. para 2 - SG 53/00) The athletes, the sport officials, the technical and managing persons and the spectators shall be obliged to observe the sport ethics.

Art. 42. (amend., SG 53/00) The organisers of sport events shall take measures for maintenance of the order of prevention of violence and bad behaviour of spectators at time, immediately before and after competitions.

Chapter nine.
MEDICAL CONTROL

Art. 43. (1) (Suppl., SG 75/02; amend. - SG 103/05; amend. – SG 74/09, in force from 15.09.2009, amend. – SG, 50/2010) The Minister of Health, in connection with the Minister of Education, Youth and Science and the Minister of Physical Education and Sport shall determine the medical norms and
requirements for the physical education and extracurricular sport activity of the students.
(2) (Suppl., SG 75/02; amend. - SG 103/05, amend. – SG, 50/2010) The medical control of the training and competition activities shall be carried out in the sport medical establishments appointed by the Council of Ministers at the proposal of the Minister of Health and the Minister of Physical Education and Sport, under conditions and by an order determined by the Council of Ministers.

Art. 44. (1) (amend. – SG 50/08) The amateur and professional athletes shall be subject to obligatory initial, periodical and pre-competition medical examinations.
(2) The children and students in the general education schools, the special and higher schools shall be subject, annually, to prophylactic medical examination and assessment of their physical development.
(3) Right to participation in regional, republican and international competition shall only be given to athletes who have passed obligatory medical examinations.

Art. 45. (1) The sport organisations cannot use, in their activity, forms and methods leading to damage of the health of the athletes.
(2) (amend. – SG 50/08) Prohibited is the use of doping and the applying of doping methods in the training and competition activity.
(3) The Council of Ministers shall determine the conditions and order of carrying out doping control during the training and competition activities.
(4) (amend., SG 53/00; amend. – SG 50/08) The amateur and professional athletes shall be obliged to meet the requirements and to follow the procedures of doping control, established by acts of governmental authorities and of the internationally recognized organizations in this field.

Art. 46. (1) (amend. – SG 50/08) Medical case at sport competitions and sport tourist events shall be provided by their organizers.
(2) (amend., SG 53/00) The specialised control bodies of the Ministry of Health and of the Mountain Rescue Service at the Bulgarian Red Cross shall stop sport competitions and tourist events if medical care and mountain rescue are not provided. Not admitted or removed from training and competition shall be the persons who have not passed obligatory medical examination according to an ordinance of the Minister of Health.

Chapter ten.
SPORT GROUNDS AND INSTALLATIONS

Art. 47. (1) The planning, the designing and the construction of sport grounds and installations shall be subject to the following requirements:
1. (amend. – SG, 50/2010) in the general development plans of the populated areas shall be allocated zones for practising sport and rest, taking into account the long-standing needs, depending on the demographic status of the population, the natural facts and the local traditions;
2. (amend. – SG, 50/2010) the detailed development plans of the populated areas shall provide sport grounds, installations and zones and terrains for physical education, rest and sport;
3. (suppl., SG 53/0; amend. – SG 50/08, suppl. – SG, 50/2010) the sport grounds and installations shall be designed, constructed in compliance with the norms of construction and designing of sport grounds and installations, the requirements for access and their using by the people with disabilities and the norms for building accessible environment in the urban territories.
4. (repealed – SG, 50/2010)
(2) (new – SG, 50/2010) Building and exploitation of the sport sites – open sport shooting grounds, outside the borders of the urban territories shall be carried out under the terms and procedure,
determined by an ordinance of the Minister of the Regional Development and Public Works, in coordination with the Minister of the Physical Education and Sport and the Minister of Interior.

(3) (former Para. 2, suppl. – SG, 50/2010) The schools shall construct, maintain and develop sport grounds and installations for practising physical activity and sport, in compliance with the norms of designing schools and the norms for building up accessible environment in the urban territories.

(4) (former Para. 3, suppl. – SG, 50/2010) It shall not be admitted to start exploitation of schools, which do not have grounds and installations, suitable for physical education and sport.

(5) (former Para. 4, suppl. – SG, 50/2010) The employers shall construct and/or provide grounds for sport and social tourism of the workers and employees.

(6) (amend – SG, 50/2010, former Para. 5 – SG, 50/2010) Conditions for access and practicing of physical exercises and sports for people with disabilities shall be provided on the sport grounds and facilities.

(7) (amend – SG, 50/2010, former Para. 6 – SG, 50/2010) The state and the municipalities shall create conditions for development of the sport and social tourism shall promote investments of sport and tourist organisations and other natural persons and legal persons individually or through public-private partnership.

(8) (new – SG, 50/2010) Changing the detailed construction plans for changing the purpose of regulated land ownerships, planned for construction of sport sites and installations, as well as changing the purpose of sport sites and installations may be done after written consent of the Minister of Physical Education and Sport, under the terms and provisions of Art. 39 and Art. 134, Para. 7 of the Law on the Territory Planning.

Art. 47a. (new – SG 50/08) (1) Sport grounds and facilities of national importance, representing public property shall be those specified under Attachment No. 1, and the sites for social tourism of national importance – according to Attachment No. 2. The Attachments can be amended by the General Assembly upon a proposal of the Council of Ministers.

(2) Sport sites and facilities shall be of national importance, if they meet the following criteria:
   1. (amend. – SG, 50/2010) their purpose of use is for educational-training activity and are used by national sport federations for development of sports for high sportsmanship;
   2. meet the conditions for holing of national and international sport competitions;
   3. meet the internationally set requirements on different kinds of sports.

(3) Sport sites and facilities of public state ownership, provided to be managed by the National Sport Academy "Vasil Levski" are sites of national importance.

(4) Sport sites and facilities of Attachments No. 1 and 2 may not be provided to be used pursuant to the provisions of Art. 50c.

Art. 47b (new- SG, 50/2010) (1) The engineering and technical requirements for the safety of the sport sites and installations during sport events, organized on stadiums and in sport halls shall be determined by an ordinance, adopted by the Council of Ministers.

(2) The municipalities shall establish municipal commissions for check up and control on the observation of the engineering and technical requirements of the sport sites in relation to their safety.

(3) The municipal commission under Para. 2 shall consist of employees of the municipal administration, assigned by the Mayor, employees of the regional directorates of the Ministry of Interior or the regional departments and units under them, a representative of the Ministry of Physical Education and Sport and a representative of the regional directorate for national construction control.

(4) The municipal commission under Para. 2 shall draw out a protocol, containing assessment of the sport site and its suitability for using. A copy of the protocol shall be delivered to the owner or user of the site or to a representative, authorized by him, who within 3 days after the delivery may hand in to the commission his objections on the contents of the protocol.
(5) The protocols and the objections shall be sent to the Minister of Physical Education and Sport, who, within 3 days after receiving them shall send copies of them to the Minister of the Regional Development and Public Works and the Minister of Interior.

(6) The Minister of the Regional Development and Public Works and the Minister of Interior within 7 days after receiving the documents under Para. 5 shall submit to the Minister of Physical Education and Sport an opinion on the suitability of using the site.

(7) Where the opinions under Para. 6 contain positive assessment for the suitability of using the site, the Minister of Physical Education and Sport shall issue an act, which shall permit the usage of the sport site for holding sport events.

Art. 48. The Council of Ministers shall determine:
1. (suppl., SG 53/00; revoked – SG 50/08);
2. (suppl. – SG 50/08) the sport grounds and installations or standalone parts thereof provided by the state bodies for fulfilment of their functions in the sphere of physical education and sport and social tourism;
3. (revoked – SG 50/08).
4. sport grounds which, in coordination with the municipal councils, are transferred as property of the municipalities.

Art. 48a. (New, SG 53/00; amend. - SG 103/05, amend. – SG, 50/2010) The Ministry of Physical Education and Sport shall keep a public register of the sport grounds and the grounds for social tourism.

Art. 49. (1) (Prev. text of art. 49 - SG 75/02; amend. – SG 50/08) The municipal councils shall determine the municipal sport grounds and facilities, their status, the conditions and the order of their ceding for use by the sport organisations and shall take decisions for disposing of sport grounds, private municipal property.
(2) (New, SG 75/02; amend. – SG 50/08 amend. – SG 50/08) The municipalities shall keep a public register of the sport grounds and sites for social tourism on their territory. In case of entering of amendments in the register the municipalities shall notify the Ministry of Physical Education and Sport within one month.

Art. 50. (amend. SG 124/98; amend. - SG 103/05, amend. - SG 36/06, in force from 01.07.2006) (1) The sport grounds and installations - property of the state or of the municipalities, shall be used for the needs of the physical education and sport and the activities related to them.
(2) (amend. – SG 50/08, suppl. – SG, 50/2010) The sport grounds and installations of state and municipal ownership, shall be used for training and competition activities of the sport organizations and sport schools, by students of the National Sport Academy "Vasil Levski", for school, out-of-school and university students sport, sport in armed forces and in the Ministry of Interior, for sport for everybody an for sport for people with disabilities.
(3) (suppl. – SG, 50/2010) The state and the municipalities shall cede gratuitously in full or partially for certain period of time sport and tourist grounds and installations to kindergartens, general education, sport secondary, special, professional and higher schools and to extracurricular units for realization of the obligatory educational programmes and the extracurricular, optional and free practices of physical education, sport and tourism and for training and competition activities of the students, under conditions and by the order, determined by the respective bodies.
(4) The sport grounds and installations – property of the state, the municipalities and the schools, shall be used by the students' sport clubs for implementation of the programmes for development of the physical education, sport, rest and tourism of the students.
(5) The municipal councils shall determine the order, by which sport and tourist grounds and
installations - municipal property, shall be used by the citizens for achieving the goals of the physical education and sport.

Art. 50a. (new - SG 50/08) (1) Sport grounds and facilities of public state and public municipal ownership, beyond those included in Attachments No. 1 and No. 2 may be leased under the conditions of Art. 16, par. 2 of the Law for the state property and Art. 14, par. 7 of the Law for the municipal property only to non-profit legal entities for implementation of activities in public favour, the main activity of which corresponds to the purpose of use of the property. The term of lease of properties to licensed sport organizations and/or sport clubs – their members, may be 10 years.

(2) Sport grounds and facilities of private state and private municipal ownership, beyond those included in Attachments No. 1 and No. 2 may be leased under the conditions of Art. 19 of the Law for the state property and Art. 14 of the Law for the municipal property only to the sport organizations under Art. 10, par. 2 and to sport clubs of Art. 11 and Art. 12, par. 1.

(3) (amend. – SG, 50/2010) The properties under Para 1 and 2 may be provided to licensed sport organizations by the managers of administrations, regional governors or municipal councils upon coordination with the Minister of Physical Education and Sport following a procedure, set in the Regulation for implementation of the law.

(4) In case of submitted two or more applications priority shall have the applicant who is a licensed sport organization developing the sport, for which the property is meant. Where all other conditions are equal, preference shall have the applicant having proposed financially secured investment program with a higher cost for maintenance and improvement of the property and having fulfilled correctly his/her obligations under earlier contracts for its usage. For ranking purposes the public contribution of the applicant into the sport shall be estimated.

(5) When the sport ground is multi-functional, conditions of use of the site, standalone parts thereof and/or facilities by other sport organizations, carrying out sport activity in it shall be set in the lease contract.

Art. 50b. (new – SG 50/08) (1) Sport grounds and facilities of state and municipal ownership may be provided for use for a period of up to 20 years to sport organizations of Art. 10, par. 2 and sport clubs of Art. 11 and Art. 12, par. 1, provided that the applicant:

1. has used the sport ground and facility for not less than 10 years on legal grounds and for the designated purpose of use;
2. has provided during the period of item 1 conditions to sport organizations – non-profit legal entities, to carry out on the grounds and/or facility training and/or competition activity;
3. does not have financial liabilities of a public nature to the state or municipality as of the date of submission of the application;
4. has proposed for implementation a program of maintenance and modernization of the respective sport ground and facility or of construction of new sport grounds and/or facilities in coordination with the owner of the property.

(2) The user shall be obliged by the contract for use of property under par. 1 to allocate periods of time for free of charge use of the ground and/or its facilities by the persons of Art. 50, par. 3, by national teams of different kinds of sport, by the National Sport Academy "Vasil Levski", for sport activity of citizens, of non-profit legal entities in public favour, carrying our sports for everybody and sports for people with disabilities.

(3) The user of a property under par. 1 shall undertake at his/her account all public taking, due for the property, for the term of validity of the contract.

(4) The existing and modernized or newly constructed sport grounds shall be maintained in good condition by the user, who, upon expiration of the contract shall provide them free of charge to the state or municipality in a condition, corresponding to the requirements for use for the designated purpose of
use.
(5) When the user has fulfilled his/her contractual obligations, upon expiration of its term of validity he/she may apply for using the same property again for 10 years.
(6) The procedure of provision for usage of a property under par. 1 shall be set by the regulation for application of the law.

Art. 50c. (new - SG 36/06, in force from 01.07.2006; prev. Art. 50a, amend. – SG 50/08) (1) After holding the procedures if Art. 50 – 50b state properties of state and municipal ownership may be ceded to natural and legal persons by concession following the procedure of the Law for the concessions. Where the applicants are more than one and have submitted equivalent financial quotations, priority shall have the one who is a sport organization and develops the sport for which generally the ground is foreseen.
(2) Preparation and other actions and submission of proposals for granting a concession for sport grounds and facilities of state ownership under the Law for the concessions shall be done by the respective minister or a manager of an administration – first degree administrator of budget credits, to which the property has been provided for management.
(3) (amend. – SG, 50/2010). The coordination under Art. 103 of the Law on the Concessions shall be carried out with the Minister of Physical Education and Sport for sport sites and installations – state or municipal ownership.
(4) (amend. – SG, 50/2010). In cases under Para. 1 the concessionaire shall be obliged to cede quotas for the use of the ground to other natural and legal persons for training or competitive activity, and to licensed sport organizations and their members, school and university students sport organizations, schools, the National Sport Academy "Vasil Levski" and people with disabilities – under more favoured financial terms and conditions.

Art. 51. (1) (amend. SG 124/98) The ceded state and municipal sport grounds and installations to sport organisations and other legal persons shall be used by them according to their designation and the needs for which they have been ceded.
(2) The organisations, using relief by the state and the municipalities, for construction of sport grounds and installations shall, in advance, coordinate the designs of their construction with the respective state and municipal bodies, and they cannot use them for other purposes, except for their designation.
(3) The sport grounds and installations, property of the state and the municipalities, as an exception can be used for cultural and other needs and events of public nature, under conditions and by an order, determined by the respective administrative body and municipal council, if it does not damage the common sport activity, and harm shall not be inflicted to the sport grounds and installations.
(4) Subject to gratuitous use shall not be state and municipal sport grounds and installations to legal persons and physical persons, carrying out economic activity.
(5) The separate units for servicing and auxiliary activities by state and municipal sport grounds and installations can be ceded gratuitously to legal persons and physical persons for organising servicing sport activity infrastructure, with the exception of the rights stipulated by it, only in cases when they does not create obstacles for their use according to their main designation.

Art. 51a. (New, SG 53/00) (1) The offices "State property" at the regional administrations and "Municipal property" at the municipal administrations shall control the using of the state and municipal sport grounds in compliance with their purposes and the conditions under which they have been conceded.
(2) The state or municipal terrain determined for construction of grounds for sport and social tourism cannot be expropriated.
(3) The social purpose of the existing grounds for sport and social tourism, state or municipal property,
cannot be changed.
(4) If it is established that state or municipal sport grounds or parts of them are used not according to their purpose or in violation of the conditions under which they have been conceded they shall be seized by the order of art. 80 of the Law for the state property, respectively of art. 65 of the Law for the municipal property.
(5) (suppl. - SG 34/06, in force from 01.10.2006) The state and municipal sport grounds used by sport organisations of whom the court, respectively the commercial, registration as such has been deleted shall be seized by the order of para 4.
(6) (amend. - SG 103/05, amend. – SG, 50/2010) The offices "State property" and "Municipal property" shall inform the Ministry of Physical Education and Sport about the established offences by the sport organisations in using the state and municipal sport grounds.

Art. 51b. (New, SG 53/00) The municipalities shall concede for using to the Bulgarian Sport Totalizer, under relieved terms, suitable premises and terrain for its activity, including on sport grounds.

Chapter eleven.
BULGARIAN SPORT TOTALIZER (Repealed - SG 51 1999)

Art. 52. - 56. (Repealed - SG 51 1999)

Chapter twelve.
FINANCING

Art. 57. (1) (amend. – SG 46/07, in force from 01.01.2008) The Council of Ministers shall determine the minimal differentiated amounts of the monetary resources for physical education and sport for: children in pre-school institutions; students in the elementary and secondary schools; students in higher education schools.
(2) The resources under para 1 shall be provided by the state budget and by the budgets of the municipalities.

Art. 57a. (New, SG 53/00; amend. - SG 103/05, amend. – SG, 50/2010) The budget of the Ministry of Physical Education and Sport shall receive resources from:
1. (Amend., SG 75/02) expedient subsidies for the development of the physical education and sport determined by the order of § 11, para 3 of the transitional and concluding provisions of the Law for the gambling;
2. (Declared anti-constitutional - Constitutional Court Decision No 6 of 2002 - SG 95/02) three percent deductions from the sums realised in transfer of sportsmen; the deductions shall be installed by the sport organisation which cedes rights to sportsmen; for transfer of sportsmen - foreign citizens, the deductions shall be installed by the Bulgarian sport organisation; these resources shall be used for financing activities with children and young people in the respective sport from which the transfer instalments have been made;
3. donations, wills and sponsorship by Bulgarian and foreign individuals and legal persons;
4. other sources determined by a law or an act of the Council of Ministers.

Art. 57b. (New, SG 53/00; amend., SG 75/02; amend. - SG 103/05, amend. – SG, 50/2010) The Minister of Physical Education and Sport, in coordination with the Minister of Finance shall approve the scheme of allocation of the proceeds of the Bulgarian Sport Totaliser.
Art. 58. (1) (prev. Art. 58 – SG 50/08) The resources of the state budget shall finance:
1. (suppl. – SG 50/08, amend. – SG, 50/2010) the construction, reconstruction and modernization of sport grounds and installations of sites for social tourism of national importance, as well as of sport sites and installations and of sites for social tourism – state and municipal ownership;
2. (amend. – SG, 50/2010) the expenses for educational and training and sport-competition activities in the sport schools;
3. the scientific and research and applied activity in the sphere of physical education and sport;
4. the medical and doping control;
5. (amend. – SG 50/08) activities and measures of the National programme for development of the physical education and sport;
6. the necessary expenses for implementation of Art. 57, Para 1 in the municipalities;
7. other activities in the sphere of physical education, sport and social tourism, determined by a law or by an act of the Council of Ministers.
8. (New, SG 75/02) programme for Olympic training;
9. (New, SG 50/09) preparation and holding of world and European championships, of which the Republic of Bulgaria is the host”;
10. (new – SG 75/02; prev. item 9 – SG 50/08, amend. – SG, 50/2010) programme for development of the sport for high achievements.
(2) (new – SG 50/08, in force from 01.01.2009) The funds under Para 1, item 1 shall be provided on an annual basis by the law for the state budget of the Republic of Bulgaria.

Art. 58a. (new – SG 50/08, in force from 01.01.2009; amend. – SG 74/09, in force from 15.09.2009) In the budget of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Science a grant aid shall be provided annually for maintenance and development of the sport facilities in the schools within the system of public education and higher education.

Art. 59. (1) The municipalities shall finance and support:
1. programmes and activities of the physical education, sport and social tourism of children from the pre-school institutions and the students from the general education, secondary and special schools and the extracurricular units in the system of national education;
2. the creation of conditions for practising by the citizens and, most of all, of the children and youth, of physical exercises, sport and social tourism and the development of the sport for all;
3. the construction and use of the municipal sport grounds and installations and the tourist basis, provided for social tourism in the mountains and remote regions, by a decision of the municipal council.
(2) (amend. – SG 50/08, suppl. – SG, 50/2010) The municipalities can support sport organizations, sport schools and tourist associations whose headquarters and activities are on the territory of the municipality.
(3) (revoked – SG 120/02).
(4) The municipal councils shall adopt municipal programmes for development and promotion of the physical education, sport and social tourism.

Art. 59a. (New, SG 53/00; amend. - SG 103/05; amend. - SG 103/05, amend. – SG, 50/2010) The resources of the budget of the Ministry of Physical Education and Sport shall be spent for:
1. (amend. - SG 103/05, amend. – SG, 50/2010) financing the activity of the Ministry of Physical Education and Sport;
2. (amend. – SG, 50/2010) assisting the building up, modernizing, rehabilitation and maintenance of sport sites and installations and sites for social tourism of national importance, as well as sport sites and installations and sites for social tourism – state and municipal ownership;
3. support of talented children and young people with abilities of sport development;
4. (amend. – SG 50/08) support of expedient programmes and projects of sport and tourism among the school and university students and people with disabilities;
5. (amend. – SG 50/08) financing expedient programmes and projects of physical education, sport and social tourism of people with disabilities and the sport for all;
6. (amend. – SG 50/08, suppl. – SG, 50/2010) stimulation and awarding high level sportspeople, medal and prize winners from European and world championships and Olympic games and from similar championships and games for people with disabilities;
7. (Amend., SG 75/02; amend. – SG 50/08, amend. and suppl. – SG, 50/2010) social support for athletes, sportsmen with disabilities and veteran sportsmen and coaches;
8. (amend. – SG 50/08) other sport activities and activities in the field of social tourism;
9. (amend. – SG 50/08) realisation of the basic tasks of the national program for development of the physical education and sport;
10. (new – SG 50/08) supporting of projects for construction and maintenance of tourist marking along the European walking routes, passing through the Republic of Bulgaria.
11. (new – SG, 50/2010) financing activities on a programme for Olympic training;
12. (new – SG, 50/2010) financing activities on a programme for development of the sport for high achievements;
13. (new – SG, 50/2010) financing activities, related to medical and doping control;
14. (new – SG, 50/2010) assisting scientific-research and applicable activities in the field of the physical education and sport;

Art. 59b. (New, SG 53/00; amend. - SG 103/05, amend. – SG, 50/2010) (1) The distributed resources of the proceeds of the Bulgarian Sport Totalizer under art. 9, Para 3, item 1 of the Law for the gambling, without the resources under art. 57a, item 1 shall be stored and accounted by the Ministry of Physical Education and Sport by the order of art. 50 of the Law on the Structure of the State Budget.
(2) The resources under Para. 1 shall be submitted for:
1. (suppl. – SG 50/08) activities of licensed sport organisations, sport clubs, members of licensed sport organizations;
2. organising internal championships and international competitions on the territory of the country, included in the state and international sport calendar;
3. (suppl. – SG, 50/2010) preparation and participation of Bulgarian sportsmen in European and world championships and Olympic games and in analogical championships and games for disabled people;
4. (amend. – SG 50/08, amend. – SG, 50/2010) construction, restoration and management of sport grounds and sites and installations for social tourism of national importance, as well as sport sites and installations and of sites for social tourism – state and municipal ownership;
5. (New, SG 75/02; amend. – SG 50/08) granting a monthly premium for Olympic medal holders who have ceased their active competitive activity.
(3) (Suppl., SG 75/02) The resources under Para 1 shall be submitted on the basis of contracts for sport development by taking account of the social importance of the sport activities - subject of support. and according to Para 2, item 5 - on the grounds of a document presented by the Bulgarian Olympic Committee.
(4) (new – SG 50/08) The funds under Para 2, item 5 for one medal shall be determined as a percentage of three minimum salaries in the country, taking into consideration the highest achievement, as follows:
1. hundred per cent – for the first golden medal at Olympic games;
2. ninety per cent – for the first silver medal from Olympic games;
3. eighty per cent - the first bronze medal from Olympic games;
4. for each subsequent medal, won from Olympic games – ten per cent of the amount of the premium of
the respective medal.

Art. 60. (revoked, SG 53/00)

Art. 61. (revoked, SG 53/00)

Art. 62. (1) (suppl. – SG 50/08) The sport organisations, which are non-profit legal persons, registered in public favour, shall be financed by:
1. membership fees and individual and team taxes;
2. transfer of athletes;
3. receipts from participation in sport competitions;
4. receipts from sport services;
5. receipts from advertising, television and other rights of circulation;
6. donations and sponsorship;
7. (amend., SG 53/00) resources, submitted by the state, the municipalities.
8. from the management of own property;
9. resources submitted by international sport organisations;
10. other receipts from activities of physical education and sport.
(2) The tax and other relief for the sources under para 1, item 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 9 shall be established by a law.

Art. 63. (1) (amend. - SG 103/05; amend. – SG 50/08, amend. – SG, 50/2010) The state and the municipalities shall support the licensed sport organisations and their members under conditions and by an order determined by the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Physical Education and Sport and the municipality councils.
(2) (amend. – SG 50/08) The state and the municipalities can also support associations and non-profit organisations which organise and encourage the children and the young people to practice physical exercises, sport, sport games and outdoor tourism.
(3) (amend. – SG 50/08) State resources and subsidies cannot be used, and the state and the municipalities cannot support sport organisations which are not registered as non-profit legal entities in public favour under the provisions of the Law for the non-profit legal persons.

Art. 64. (amend. - SG 103/05, amend. – SG, 50/2010) The sport organisations shall account for and prove the expediency of the spent resources, received from the state and the municipalities, by an order determined by the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Physical Education and Sport and the municipal councils.

Chapter twelve.
"b" SUPERVISION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SPORT ORGANISATIONS (New, SG 53/00)

Art. 64a. (1) (amend. - SG 103/05, amend. – SG, 50/2010) Directly subordinated to the Minister of Physical Education and Sport shall be an established inspectorate.
(2) (amend. – SG 50/08) The inspectorate shall carry out supervision over the activity of the sport organisations and the persons offering sport services publicly.
(3) (new – SG 50/08, amend. – SG, 50/2010) The inspectorate shall carry out current and follow up control over the implemented by sport and youth organizations activities, financed by the Ministry of Physical Education and Sport.
(4) (prev. Para 3, amend. – SG 50/08) The employees from the inspectorate shall have the right to require from the persons under Para 2 and 3 all necessary documents related to the activities subject to control, to obtain information and to carry out inspections on the spot.

Art. 64b. (amend. - SG 103/05, amend. – SG, 50/2010) In carrying out inspections of the sport organizations, the Inspectorate of the Ministry of Physical Education and Sport shall have the right:
1. to require documents and to gather reference regarding the fulfilment of the assigned tasks;
2. ( amend. - SG 103/05, amend. - SG, 50/2010) to propose to the Minister of Physical Education and Sport to approach the court with a request for security measures on the property of the persons who have caused damages and to institute claim proceedings against them;
3. to attend the meetings of the management and control bodies of the inspected sport organisations or require their decisions.

Art. 64c. (1) The sport federations shall exercise supervision for the observance of this law by its members according to their statutes.
(2) (amend. - SG 103/05, amend. SG, 50/2010) The sport federations can require from the Ministry of Physical Education and Sport to carry out inspections of sport organisations who are their members.

Art. 64d. (1) (amend. - SG 103/05, amend. – SG, 50/2010) For established offences the employees of the inspectorate shall make proposals to the Minister of Physical Education and Sport by which they shall propose with motivation the approaching of the respective state bodies.
(2) (amend. - SG 103/05, amend – SG, 50/2010, amend. – SG, 50/2010) The specialised state control bodies can require information and other assistance from the Ministry of Physical Education and Sport in exercising control over the sport organisations and their activity.
(3) (new – SG, 50/2010) Upon request, the specialized state and municipal control bodies shall submit to the Ministry of Physical Education and Sport information about the conducted control over the sport organizations and their activity.

Art. 64e. (1) (amend. - SG 103/05; amend. – SG 50/08) The sport organisations having received resources from the state or the municipal budget shall account and prove the feasibility of their spending before the body having financed them.
(2) (amend. - SG 103/05, amend. - SG, 50/2010) The inspectorate of the Ministry of Physical Education and Sport shall carry out current inspections of the sport organisations for the expedient and lawful spending of the resources.

Art. 64f. (amend. - SG 103/05 amend. - SG, 50/2010) The Minister of Physical Education and Sport shall have the right to request the district court in whose region the headquarters of the sport organisation is located, to revoke the decisions of the general assembly of the sport organisations which contradict their statutes or of a normative act.

**Chapter thirteen.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUNITIVE PROVISIONS**

Art. 65. (amend., SG 53/00) (1) For violation or non-fulfilment of an obligation under this law the individuals shall be punished by a fine from 100 to 500 levs and the legal persons and sole entrepreneurs - by a proprietary sanction from 500 to 1000 levs.
(2) For repeated violation the fine shall be from 500 to 1000 levs and the proprietary sanction - from 1000 to 2000 levs.
(3) (amend. – SG 50/08) A sport organization, having violated the prohibition under Art. 45, par. 1, shall be fined with a proprietary sanction from 1000 to 3000 levs.

Art. 66. (1) (amend., SG 53/00, amend. SG 88/05; amend. - SG 103/05; amend. – SG 74/09, in force from 15.09.2009, amend. – SG, 50/2010) The violations shall be established by acts of the specialized control bodies of the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Territorial Development and Public Works, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Science, the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Physical Education and Sport and the Antidoping centre.

(2) (amend. and suppl. – SG, 50/2010) The penalty decrees shall be issued by the head of the respective control body under Para. 1 or by an official authorised by him.

(3) The issuance of acts, the issuance, the appeal and the fulfilment of penalty decrees shall be carried out by the order of the Law for the administrative offences and penalties.

(4) (amend., SG 53/00; amend. - SG 103/05, amend. – SG, 50/2010) The fines and proprietary sanctions collected for violations of this law shall be deposited to the account of the Ministry of Physical Education and Sport.

Art. 67. (New, SG 53/00) (1) (amend. – SG 50/08, amend. - SG - 50/2010) For using prohibited substances and applying prohibited methods in the training and competition activity, established by the Antidoping centre, the guilty competitor shall be punished by the respective sport federation according to the Ordinance for doping control in training and competition activities, the provisions of the World Anti-doping Agency, the International Olympic Committee and the respective international federation.

(2) For repeated offence the competitor shall be punished by a final depriving of participation in competitions, except an international act party to which is a Bulgarian sport federation, does not stipulate otherwise.

(3) A known and not attending a doping control competitor shall be punished by the respective sport federation as in case of a positive result.

(4) An offending official - coach, doctor, specialist and head of a sport organisation, who has assisted or admitted the use of prohibited substances or failure to appear by a competitor determined for examination, shall be fined with 1000 levs, unless he is not subject to a more severe penalty.

Art. 68. (New, SG 53/00, amend. – SG, 50/2010) The Antidoping centre shall owe a compensation for illegal activities damaging the good name of the competitors and of the sport officials by the order of the Law for the responsibility of the state for damages caused to the citizens.

Art. 69. (New, SG 53/00, amend. – SG, 50/2010) A sport federation or national sport organisation which carries out sport activity without a license, shall be fined with a proprietary sanction of BGN 10 000.

(2) A sport club, which carries out sport activity, without being member in a licensed sport organization, shall be fined by a property sanction from BGN 5000 to 10 000.

Additional provisions

§ 1. In the context of this law:

1. (amend. – SG 50/08) "Sport for all" is the system of widely accessible means, ways and forms of motive activity for entertainment, health strengthening and improvement of physical fitness of people through individual or group sport practices.

2. (suppl. – SG 50/08) "Social tourism" is a form of motive activity in the open for improvement of the
physical working capacity and emotional enrichment of the personality through organization of free
time, leisure, relaxation and physical recovery of citizens.
3. (revoked – SG 50/08).
4. (new – SG 50/08) "Tourist site" shall be territorially stand alone real estate designated for social
tourism.
5. (prev. item 4 – SG 50/08) "Transfer of athletes" is a normative regulated act of change of the club
membership and the competition rights of the athletes.
6. (prev. item 5 – SG 50/08) "Sport officials" are persons who directly or indirectly assist, organize and
carry out various activities in the sphere of the sport.
7. (prev. item 6 – SG 50/08) "Amateur athletes" are persons who practice systematic training and
competition activity, however not having it as main occupation.
8. (prev. item 7 – SG 50/08) "Professional athletes" are persons for whom the sport is main occupation.
9. (prev. item 8 – SG 50/08) "Licence of sport organisation" is an official recognition and permit for
practising sport activity, with the ensuing rights and obligations and responsibilities.
10. (prev. item 9 – SG 50/08) "Republic sport calendar" is a system of expediently arranged in time
sport events on the entire territory of the country.
11. (prev. item 10 – SG 50/08) "International sport calendar" is a system of expediently arranged in time
sport events, approved by international sport federations.
12. (prev. item 11 – SG 50/08) "Extracurricular sport activity" is a voluntary organized form of training
and competition activities, which are not subjects of the obligatory programmes for physical education
in the educational institutions.
13. (prev. item 12, amend. – SG 50/08) "National register of the sport organisations" is an information
file, containing hard copy documents and electronic data base which contain basic specifications of the
sport organizations in the Republic of Bulgaria.
14. (prev. item 13 – SG 50/08) "Sport for top achievements" is a specialized system of means, ways and
forms of motive activity of persons, registered as athletes in order to achieve maximum performance
during preparation and participation in competitions, organized and controlled by sport organizations.
15. (prev. item 14 – SG 50/08) "Staking on results from sport competitions and other chance events" is a
game where the winnings are determined by the guessing of the results from the competition or the
occurrence of the event.
16. (prev. item 15 – SG 50/08) "Lottery games" are games where the winnings are announced and
distributed publicly by casting according to a preliminary determined scheme, and their receiving
depends on guessing a given figure, a combination of figures, sign, or other, or by the drawing of a
winning form, ticket or slip, bought in advance.
17. (prev. item 16 – SG 50/08) "Lotto" is a game where the organiser, against payment of a definite sum,
offers to the participant a winning upon discovering a figure, and sequence of figures, sign or after
drawing winning certificate of payment (form, ticket, etc.).
18. (prev. item 17 – SG 50/08) "Toto" is a lottery game, organised in equal time intervals, where the
guessing of definite figures provides the winning.
19. (amend., SG 81/99; prev. item 18 – SG 50/08) "Sponsorship" is a direct or indirect financing of
athletes, sport organisations and sport events, provided by a physical person or a legal person, with the
purpose of assisting the popularisation of his name, mark or public prestige.
20. (prev. item 19 – SG 50/08) "Sport services" are all payable services related to the specific sport
activity (coach services, submitting sport grounds and installations for sport practices, etc.).
21. (New, SG 53/00; prev. item 20, amend. – SG 50/08) "Sport referee" is a person with special
qualification and right to manage sport competitions in a particular kind of sport, to control for
observance of rules of their conducting and to record the achieved sport results.
22. (New, SG 53/00; prev. item 21 – SG 50/08) "Coach" is a sport pedagogue in a kind of sport who
organises and carries out training and competitive activity of sportsmen with different qualification.
23. (New, SG 75/02; prev. item 22 – SG 50/08, repealed – SG, 50/2010)
24. (New, SG 75/02; prev. item 23 – SG 50/08, repealed – SG, 50/2010)
25. (New, SG 75/02; prev. item 24 – SG 50/08, repealed – SG, 50/2010)
27. (new – SG 50/08, repealed – SG, 50/2010) 28. (new – SG 50/08) "Public register of sport grounds and sites for social tourism" is an information file for public use, containing hard copy documents and electronic data base, containing forms of ownership, the type and functional designation of the sport grounds and of the sites for social tourism in the Republic of Bulgaria.
29. (new – SG 50/08) "Public-private partnership" in sport is long-term contractual relationship between persons in the private sector with the state and municipalities for financing, construction, reconstruction, management and maintenance of sport infrastructure for achieving a better level of services in the field of physical education, sport and social tourism, where the private partner undertakes the construction risk, or at least one of the two risks – for availability of the provided service or for its demand.
30. (new – SG 50/08) "Sport grounds and facilities" are sport infrastructure – movable and/or real things and adjacent terrains, designated for sustained satisfaction of public needs in the field of physical education, sport and social tourism, for holding sport, cultural and other events.
31. (new – SG 50/08) "Sport" are all forms of physical activity, which through individual or organized participation have as an objective realization or improvement of physical ability and emotional state, establishment of social relations or achievement of results in competitions on all levels.
32. (new – SG 50/08) "Tourist association" is a non-profit society, having as a main subject of activity implementation of walking, cycling, water and ski social tourism, orienteering, climbing and speleology.
33. (new – SG, 50/2010) “High level sports-person” is a sports- person, who has achieved high sport results in European and world championships and Olympic Games.

Transitional and concluding provisions

§ 2. Para 24 of the Law for amendment and rider of the Law for the income tax (prom., SG, No 38 of 1994; rider No 83 of 1994) is amended as follows:
1. After the word "championships" is added "university games and other sport events".
2. The words "Committee for youth and sport" are replaced by "State Agency for the youth and sport".
3. The words "National fund for development of the children's and youth sport" are replaced by "State fund for support of the physical education and sport".

§ 3. The state fund for support of the physical education and sport shall take over the assets and liabilities of the National fund for children’s and youth sport.

§ 4. Decree No 350 for the settlement of some relations between the Sport TOTALIZER at the Bulgarian Union for Physical Culture and Sport and the participants in its drawings (Izvestiya, No 78 of 1960) is revoked.

§ 5. The stakes on the results from sport events and other chance events, the lotteries and lotto and toto games on the territory of the country shall be organised in compliance with the Decree for establishment of state monetary and objects lottery (prom., Izvestiya, No 91 of 1958; amend., SG, No 110 of 1993) and in fulfilment of the provisions of this law.

§ 6. Within 6 months from the enactment of this law the Council of Ministers shall license anew the organisers of gambling games.
§ 7. The provisions of Art. 61, para 1, item 6 shall come into force from January 1, 1997.

§ 8. The fulfilment of the law is assigned to the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Bulgaria. The law was adopted by the 37th National Assembly on June 26, 1996 and was affixed with the state seal.

**Transitional and concluding provisions**

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§ 35. The Ministry of Youth and Sport is a legal successor of the State Agency for the youth and sport.


§ 42. The law shall enter into force on the day of its promulgation in the State Gazette with exception of art. 8a which shall enter into force on January 1, 2003, and with exception of art. 21, para 3 and art. 25, para 1 which shall enter into force for the academic 2003 - 2004 year.

**Transitional and concluding provisions**

TO THE LAW OF AMENDMENT OF THE LAW FOR THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT (PROM. – SG 103/05)

§ 4. Everywhere in the law the words "Minister of youth and sport", "the Minister of youth and sport" and "the Ministry of youth and sport" shall be replaced respectively by "Chairperson of the State Agency of Youth and Sport", "the Chairperson of the State Agency of Youth and Sport" and "the State Agency of Youth and Sport".

§ 5. The State Agency of Youth and Sport shall be a legal successor of the Ministry of Youth and Sport, count from its establishment with Decree Bo. 197 of the Council of Ministers of 2005 (SG 74/05).

**Transitional and concluding provisions**

TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE CODE

(PROM. – SG 30/06, IN FORCE FROM 12.07.2006)

§ 142. The code shall enter into force three months after its promulgation in State Gazette, with the exception of:

1. division three, § 2, item 1 and § 2, item 2 – with regards to the repeal of chapter third, section II "Appeal by court order", § 9, item 1 and 2, § 15 and § 44, item 1 and 2, § 51, item 1, § 53, item 1, § 61, item 1, § 66, item 3, § 76, items 1 – 3, § 78, § 79, § 83, item 1, § 84, item 1 and 2, § 89, items 1 - 4§ 101, item 1, § 102, item 1, § 107, § 117, items 1 and 2, § 125, § 128, items 1 and 2, § 132, item 2 and § 136, item 1, as well as § 34, § 35, item 2, § 43, item 2, § 62, item 1, § 66, items 2 and 4, § 97, item 2 and § 125, item 1 – with regard to the replacement of the word "the regional" with the "administrative" and the replacement of the word "the Sofia City Court" with "the Administrative court - Sofia", which shall
enter into force from the 1st of May 2007;
2. paragraph 120, which shall enter into force from the 1st of January 2007;
3. paragraph 3, which shall enter into force from the day of the promulgation of the code in State Gazette.

Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE LAW OF THE COMMERCIAL REGISTER

(PROM. – SG 34/06, IN FORCE FROM 01.10.2006)

§ 56. This law enters in force from 1st of October 2006, except § 2 and § 3, which enter in force from the date of promulgation of the law in the State Gazette.

Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE LAW FOR THE CONCESSIONS

(PROM. - SG 36/06, IN FORCE FROM 01.07.2006)

§ 23. The law shall enter into force from the 1st of July 2006, except for art. 42, para 3 and art. 58, para 4, which shall enter into force from the date of accession of the Republic of Bulgaria to the European Union.

Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE LAW ON AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENTATION OF THE LAW OF DEFENCE AND ARMOURED FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

(PROM. – SG 46/07, IN FORCE FROM 01.01.2008)

§ 77. The law shall enter into force from 1 January 2008, except for:
1. Paragraph 1, § 2, τ. 1, § 4, item 1, letter "a" and item 2, § 5, 13, 15, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, § 38, item 1, letter "a" and item 2, § 40, 43, 44, 46, 55, 59 and 75, which shall enter into force three days after its promulgation in State Gazette.
2. Paragraph 2, item 2, § 3, § 4, item 1, letter "b", § 6, 7, 60, 61 (with regards to the words "and 309b") and 63, which shall enter into force 6 months after its promulgation in State Gazette.

Additional provisions
TO THE LAW ON AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENTATION OF THE LAW FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT

(PROM. – SG 50/08)

§ 51. Everywhere in the law the word "disabled" shall be replaced with "people with disabilities".

Concluding provisions
TO THE LAW ON AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENTATION OF THE LAW FOR THE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING
§ 42. Everywhere in the Law for the Physical Education and Sport the words "Minister of Education and Science", "the Minister of Education and Science" and "the Ministry of Education and Science" shall be replaced by "Minister of Education, Youth and Science", "the Minister of Education, Youth and Science", "the Ministry of Education, Youth and Science".

§ 48. The Law shall enter into force from the date of its promulgation in the State Gazette, except for § 1, which shall enter into force from the 15th of September 2009 and § 47, which shall enter into force from the 1st of October 2009.

Concluding provisions
TO THE LAW ON AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENTATION OF THE LAW FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT

(PROM. – SG 50/08)

§ 52. Paragraph 38, item 2 and § 39 shall enter into force from 1 January 2009.

LAW, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE LAW ON PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT

(PUBL. – SG, 50/2010)

§ 45. In the remaining text of the law the words „chairperson of the State Agency for Youth and Sport” and “the State Agency for Youth and Sport” shall be replaced by: “the Minister of Physical Education and Sport” and “ The Ministry of Physical Education and Sport”

Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE LAW, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE LAW ON PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT

(PUBL. – SG, 50/2010)

§ 46. The Ministry of Physical Education and Sport shall be grantee of the State Agency for Youth and Sport.

§ 59. The sport licenses, issued before this law enters into force shall keep their term of action.

§ 60. Within 6-month term after this law enters into force, the envisaged in it legislative acts shall be issued, and the status quo legislative acts shall be complied with its requirements.

§ 61. The Council of Ministers, with the term of 6 months after this law comes into force shall introduce to the National Assembly the National strategy for development of the physical education and sport, under Art. 7, p. 2.

Attachment No. 1 to Art. 47a.

(new – SG 50/08)

List of sport grounds and facilities of national importance:
1. National stadium "Vasil Levski"
2. National sport complex "Diana"
3. Sofia cycling track "Serdika"
4. Tennis hall "Sofia"
5. National sport halls "Rakovski"
6. National sport facilities "Sportpalace" – Varna
7. High-mountain sport complex "Belmeken"
8. National sport facilities for canoe kayak – Kardjali
10. National horse riding facilities "Han Asparuh"
11. Winter palace – Sofia
12. Palace of culture and sport – Varna
13. "Festivalna" hall – Sofia
14. Rowing channel – Plovdiv

Attachment No. 2 to Art. 47a.

(new – SG 50/08)

List of sites of social tourism of national importance:
1. National speleological house – village of Karlukovo
2. Mountain hostel "Pleven" – Stara planina
3. Mountain hostel "Zdravets" – Rhodopes
4. Mountain hostel "Pionerska" – Rila