

**TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT**  
**DIVISION 9: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**§ 9519. Applications to Replace an Incumbent National Federation.**

(a) General. A sports organization may seek to replace an incumbent as the national federation for a particular sport by filing a written application for recognition with the corporation.

(b) Establishment of procedures. The corporation shall establish procedures for the filing and disposition of applications under this section. If two or more organizations file applications for the same sport, the applications shall be considered in a single proceeding. Such procedures shall provide for notice to and the opportunity to be heard by all affected parties.

(c) Standards for granting applications. The applicant must establish by a preponderance of the evidence that:

(1) It meets the criteria for recognition as a national governing body under 1 CMC § 9513; and

(A) The national federation does not meet the criteria of 1 CMC §§ 9513, 9515, or 9516; or

(B) The applicant more adequately meets the criteria of 1 CMC § 9513, is capable of more adequately meeting the criteria of 1 CMC §§ 9515 and 9516, and provides or is capable of providing a more effective program of competition than the national federation in the sport for which it seeks recognition.

(d) Disposition of applications. The corporation shall:

(1) Uphold the right of the national federation to continue as the national federation for its sport;

(2) Revoke the recognition of the national federation and declare a vacancy in the national federation for that sport;

(3) Revoke the recognition of the national federation and recognize the applicant as the national federation; or

(4) Place the national federation on probation for a period not exceeding 180 days, pending the compliance of the national federation, if the national federation would have retained recognition except for a minor deficiency in one of the requirements of 1 CMC §§ 9513, 9515, or 9516 and notify such national federation of such probation and of the actions needed to comply with such requirements.

(e) Revocation of recognition after probation. If the national federation does not comply with 1 CMC §§ 9513, 9515, and 9516 within the probationary period prescribed under subsection (d)(4) of this section, the corporation shall revoke the recognition of the national federation and either:

(1) Recognize the applicant as the national federation; or

(2) Declare a vacancy in the national federation for that sport.

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**Commission Comment:** The Commission substituted section numbers pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(d). The Commission corrected the spelling of the word “the” in subsection (e)(2) pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(g).