

LUISS



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Athletics

Foreword

In the 1998-1999 academic year LUISS was the first university in Italy to award scholarships for sporting merit to four student-athletes for its basketball team.

In the following 1999-2000 academic year the number of scholarships for basketball student-athletes rose to 15.

On 27 October 2015 the Luiss Sport Academy - LSA was established by LUISS University's Academic Senate.

Its function is to develop and manage the academic offering for excellence in sports at the orientation and selection phase of the most deserving university students, at the academic stage covering university studies and at the subsequent post-graduate and employment stage.

Furthermore, the chance to play sports is offered to all university students (through the "Luiss Sports for All" initiative), foreign students and alumni.

From this perspective the opportunities for training and playing sport have been increased, beyond those already offered by the University's own amateur sports club Luiss SSD, expanding not only the sporting disciplines but also the range of participants, which until recently had been limited to competitive student-athletes and graduates.

Article 1 - Subject Matter

These Regulations govern the organization and functioning of LUISS University's sports program called Luiss Sport Program – LSP as well as the requirements that student-athletes must meet in order to be admitted to and remain in that program. The Luiss Sport Program makes provision for the awarding of athletic scholarships.

Article 2 - Aims

Luiss Sport Academy - LSA has as its aims:

- a. to use sports as a vehicle for education and wellbeing;
- b. to develop, support and increase the opportunities afforded to LUISS students to play sports;
- c. to expand the academic offering in sports to potential student-athletes;
- d. to attract student-athletes to LUISS University;
- e. to provide foreign student-athletes with a "sports desk" of international level.



In this context the **Luiss Sport Program - LSP** seeks to:

- a. offer each student-athlete the opportunity of pursuing a high-profile academic career, including with the aid of a scholarship, while at the same time playing sports;
- b. afford each student-athlete assistance from a university tutor in devising a valid study plan and maintaining contact with academic staff;
- c. support each student-athlete in successfully completing their chosen degree program.

Article 3 – Beneficiaries

The Luiss Sport Program – LSP is designed for the following:

- a. student-athletes enrolled in a bachelor’s degree, master’s degree (I and II levels) or PhD program at LUISS University;
- b. foreign student-athletes (Erasmus, Double Degree, Partnership);
- c. LUISS alumni.

Article 4 – Definition of the Categories in the Luiss Sport Program

Listed below are the categories in the Luiss Sport Program:

- a. Luiss Top Athletes – LTA;
- b. Luiss Team Athletes – LT;
- c. Luiss Pro Athletes – LPA;
- d. Luiss Athletes – LA;
- e. Luiss Players – LP.

- a. Luiss Top Athletes – LTA

This category comprises:

- Competitive athletes of national and/or international level who are registered with a national or foreign sports federation or at the very least have been called up by their respective national federation. These athletes may continue to play their sport at a competitive level for a Luiss SSD team or for clubs or associations affiliated with their national sports federation.

- b. Luiss Team Athletes – LT

This category comprises:

- Competitive athletes who are registered with a national sports federation, who play their sport at a competitive level for a Luiss SSD team.



c. Luiss Pro Athletes – LPA

This category comprises:

High profile competitive athletes who are registered with a national or foreign sports club or association. These athletes may continue to play their sport at a competitive level for clubs or associations affiliated with their national sports federation.

d. Luiss Athletes – LA

This category comprises:

- Competitive athletes who are registered with a sports federation or a body that promotes sports.

e. Luiss Players – LP

This category comprises:

- Non-competitive athletes who play sports as part of the “Luiss Sport for All” initiative or participate in any sports events organized by Luiss SSD.

Article 5 – Admission to the Luiss Sport Program

For admission to the Luiss Top Athletes – LTA and Luiss Team Athletes – LT categories, the only ones for which a scholarship may be awarded, the application to join the Luiss Sport Program must be submitted by the deadline laid down in the section headed “Luiss Sport Academy – Admission Procedures and Deadlines” on the <http://sport.luiss.it> website for the relevant academic year.

For admission to the Luiss Athletes – LA and Luiss Players – LP categories, the application must be submitted by the deadline published on the University’s website.

The application to join the Luiss Sport Program – LSP is available online at the following link: <http://sport.luiss.it/luiss-sport-program/>.

Following evaluation of the sports curricula vitae, if necessary the student-athlete candidate will be called for an motivation-based interview with the Office of the Sporting Director of Luiss SSD. At the end of that interview, the Sporting Director may directly propose that the candidate be classified in one of the above mentioned categories for the purposes of admission to the Luiss Sport Program – LSP. Alternatively, the candidate may be invited to participate in a technical selection process organized by the relevant Technical Sports Commission.

The single Technical Sports Commissions, as defined in article 8 of these Regulations, will independently establish the assessment criteria, which will take into account the individual and team technical characteristics specific to each sport as well as the motivation-based interview. On that basis each



candidate will be awarded a score from 1 to 10 and a proposal made as regards their classification in one of the above mentioned categories. At the end of the preliminary selection of the student-athlete candidates, the final assessment made by the single Technical Sports Commissions will be submitted for approval by the Luiss Sport Academy Commission.

Solely the student-athlete candidates whom it is proposed to classify in the Luiss Top Athletes - LTA and Luiss Team Athletes - LT categories may apply for a scholarship in accordance with article 6 of these Regulations.

Based on the proposals of the Technical Sports Commissions, the Luiss Sport Academy Commission will, at its absolute discretion, decide on the rankings for admission to the Luiss Sport Program - LSP and the ensuing awarding of scholarships, if any.

With reference to the students in the Luiss Top Athletes - LTA and Luiss Team Athletes - LT categories, the Luiss Sport Academy Commission may at its absolute discretion, in light of its assessment of the academic curriculum vitae, the sports curriculum vitae, the statement of purpose and the reference letter, decide to admit the candidate to the latter's chosen degree program at LUISS University even if all places have already been filled.

In case of transfer from another university to a LUISS degree program, the Commission will obtain the prior opinion of the Vice Rector for Teaching who, with the agreement of the relevant Department, will set the year of enrollment and recognize the exams already taken at the previous university.

In the event of non-admission as a student-athlete, candidates may still seek admission to LUISS degree programs through normal channels on the basis of the relevant calls for applications.

Article 6 – Awarding and Types of Scholarships

Student-athlete candidates that it is proposed to classify in the Luiss Top Athletes - LTA or Luiss Team Athletes - LT categories may apply for a scholarship in accordance with the procedures and deadlines laid down for each academic year in the section of the University's website dedicated to the Luiss Sport Academy.

The scholarship may provide for a total or partial exemption from payment of the tuition fee for the degree program enrolled in for the relevant academic year, excluding the regional student welfare tax, any may also cover the costs of accommodation and meals depending on the case.

Article 7 – Support Services



Listed hereunder are the support services envisaged for each single category.

Luiss Top Athletes - LTA

- possible awarding of a scholarship;
- individual sports university tutor;
- tutoring service entirely dedicated to student-athletes;
- flexibility of academic calendar and option of sitting exams on dates specifically agreed with the relevant lecturer and Student Office, solely for sporting needs and commitments (national, European and world championships as well as the Olympics);
- medical certificate for competitive sports purposes and sports gear (solely for athletes who are on Luiss SSD teams);
- transportation (solely for athletes who are on Luiss SSD teams);
- special terms for using LSA services and facilities;
- dedicated sports secretariat.

Luiss Team Athletes - LT

- possible awarding of a scholarship;
- individual sports university tutor;
- tutoring service entirely dedicated to student-athletes;
- flexibility of academic calendar and option of sitting exams on dates specifically agreed with the relevant lecturer and Student Office, solely for sporting needs and commitments (national championships with a Luiss SSD team, international intervarsity championships with a Luiss SSD team and national/foreign tournaments with a Luiss SSD team);
- medical certificate for competitive sports purposes and sports gear;
- transportation;
- special terms for using LSA services and facilities;
- dedicated sports secretariat.

Luiss Pro Athletes - LPA

- individual sports university tutor;
- tutoring service entirely dedicated to student-athletes;
- special terms for using LSA services and facilities;
- dedicated sports secretariat.

Luiss Athletes - LA

- tutoring service entirely dedicated to student-athletes;



- special terms for using LSA services and facilities;
- sports placement service for athletes who are not on Luiss SSD teams;
- dedicated sports secretariat.

Luiss Players - LP

- special terms for using LSA services and facilities;
- sports placement service for athletes who are not on Luiss SSD teams;
- dedicated sports secretariat.

Article 8 – Composition of the Technical Commissions for the Assessment of Candidates

The **Technical Sports Commissions** for Athletics, Rowing, Equestrian Sports, Golf, Swimming and Fencing consist of 5 members:

- President – Vice Rector for Teaching;
- 2 members designated by LUISS University;
- 2 members designated by the relevant national sports federation.

The **Technical Sports Commissions** for Bridge, Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Skiing, Tennis and Rugby consist of 4 members:

- Executive Vice President of Luiss SSD;
- Sporting Director of Luiss SSD;
- LUISS University Representative;
- current coach for the team of the sport concerned or the Luiss SSD sporting representative for the sport concerned.

For sports not played by Luiss SSD, in the event of a formal request from the relevant national sports federation of candidates that play sports other than those pursued by Luiss SSD, an **Ad Hoc Technical Sports Commission** consisting of the following three members will be set up:

- Executive Vice President of Luiss SSD;
- LUISS University Representative;
- Sporting Director of Luiss SSD.

The **Luiss Sport Academy Commission** consists of 5 members or their nominees:

- LUISS University Executive Vice President;
- LUISS University General Manager;



- LUISS University Vice Rector for Teaching;
- President of Luiss SSD;
- Sporting Director of Luiss SSD.

Article 9 – Requirements for Maintenance of Benefits in Subsequent Years

The status of student-athlete, irrespective of the Luiss Sport Program – LSP category, must be confirmed by the third week of July of the then current year for the purposes of maintaining the scholarship for the subsequent academic year as well as the special terms granted by the Luiss Sport Program – LSP.

The Luiss Sport Academy Commission will assess, at its absolute discretion, the requisites set out hereunder:

a. Academic Record

1. In each academic year every student-athlete belonging to the Luiss Top Athletes - LTA and Luiss Team Athletes – LT categories must earn at least 50% of the university education credits envisaged by their study plan.
2. Should it not be possible to sit a sufficient number of exams in order to earn the credits in question due to participation in national and international competitions, the student-athlete may, with the assistance of their tutor, reshape their study plan for the following year so as to include therein the exams that have been skipped. The study plan must be submitted for approval by the Luiss Sport Academy Commission, failing which the student-athlete will be excluded from the Luiss Sport Program.

b. Sports Record

1. Every student-athlete must update their sports curriculum vitae annually and e-mail it to the University's Sports Office at sport@luiss.it.
2. Every student-athlete must be assessed by Luiss SSD's technical staff for the relevant sport. If the event of membership of another club other than Luiss SSD, at the end of the season the student-athlete must e-mail a declaration attesting to their actual attendance to the University's Sports Office at sport@luiss.it.
3. Every student-athlete must participate in at least one activity organized by the University's Sports Office, solely for the Luiss Players – LP category.

Article 10 – Disciplinary Rules



The Luiss Sport Academy Commission reserves the right to impose the following disciplinary sanctions in the context of the Luiss Sport Program where the conditions therefor are met:

1. warning;
2. temporary suspension;
3. expulsion from the project.

Disciplinary sanctions will be imposed proportionate to the gravity of the facts as established. The Luiss Sport Academy Commission shall assess the nature of the breach having regard to the principles of reasonableness, proportionality and fairness.

Article 11 – Transitional and Final Provisions

These Regulations shall enter into force with effect from the 2017/18 academic year.