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On the basis of Article 69a of the Act on Higher Education (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 32/12 - UPB, 40/12 - ZUJF, 57/12 - ZPCP-2D, 109/12, 85/14, 75/16, 61/17 - ZUPŠ, 65/17, 175/20 - ZIUOPDVE, 57/21 - Ord. US and 54/22 - ZUPŠ-1) and Articles 38 and 168 of the Statute of the University of Primorska (Official Journal of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 51/15 - UPB2, 63/16, 2/17, 31/17, 77/18, 75/19, 28/21 and 115/21), the Senate of the University of Primorska at its 30th regular session on 20 July 2022, adopted the following

RULES ON SPECIAL STATUSES OF STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PRIMORSKA

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

These Rules define the special statuses of students, the criteria and procedures for obtaining and implementing the special status, and the rights and obligations of students with special status.

Article 2

At the University of Primorska, a student may be granted the special status as follows:

- student categorised athlete or student coach of categorised athletes,
- student recognised artist and cultural worker,
- student with participation in (area) international competitions,
- student parent.

Article 3

The Commission for Student Affairs of the University of Primorska (hereinafter referred to as the UP Commission) is in charge for granting special student status.

Article 4

In these Rules, the plural grammatical form is used as neutral for men and women.

II. CRITERIA FOR OBTAINING THE STUDENT STATUS OF CATEGORISED ATHLETE AND COACH

Article 5

The status of student categorised athlete and/or coach may be obtained by a student who is:

1. a categorised athlete who, on the basis of the categorisation by the Olympic Committee of Slovenia (hereinafter referred to as OKS), has been awarded the title of world, international, prospective, national or junior class athlete; or
2. a top-level athlete with achievements at national or international level in sports and disciplines which, in accordance with the conditions, rules and criteria for the registration and categorisation of athletes in the Republic of Slovenia, are not classified by the OKS; or

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3. officially appointed by a national sports federation as a coach of national teams or individual categorised athletes and is directly involved in the preparation and implementation of programmes for categorised athletes; or
4. an athlete with a disability.

Article 6

To obtain the student status referred to in Article 5 of these Rules, the student shall provide the following evidence:

- for the category referred to in point 1: a certificate of categorised athlete status issued by the OKS;
- for the category referred to in point 2: a certificate from the respective national sports federation on sports achievements at national and international level;
- for the category referred to in point 3: a certificate from the respective national sports federation or other relevant sports body of their official appointment as coach of the national team or as coach of the individual categorised athlete, and a certificate that they are directly involved in the preparation and implementation of the categorised athlete's programme;
- for the category referred to in point 4: a certificate from the Sports Federation for the Disabled of Slovenia – Slovenian Paralympic Committee on sports achievements at national and international level or a certificate from the individual national sports federation on sports achievements at national and international level for sports and disciplines which in accordance with the conditions, rules and criteria for the registration and categorisation of athletes in the Republic of Slovenia are not categorised by the Paralympic Committee of Slovenia.

If applicants for the student status of categorised athlete and coach are foreigners, they must provide a certificate from the competent national sports authority of their country of origin as evidence.

If applicants for the status of student of categorised athlete and coach are active within a sports club in another country, they shall provide as evidence a certificate from the competent national sports authority of the country in which the sports club is registered.

Article 7

The duration of the student status of categorised athlete and coach shall be one (1) academic year and may be renewed.

III. CRITERIA FOR OBTAINING THE STUDENT STATUS OF A RECOGNISED ARTIST AND CULTURAL WORKER

Article 8

The status of student recognised artist and cultural worker is open to students who meet at least one of the following criteria:

- membership of a national or international society or association of societies in the arts, as evidenced by a certificate of membership of the relevant society (art, music, film, dance, theatre, literature, photography or other);
- status as an independent artist or cultural worker, as evidenced by a certificate from the Ministry of Culture;

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- authorship of or participation in the performance of a work of public art, as evidenced by awards or prizes for outstanding artistic achievement awarded by the relevant institutions at national or international level, or by a certificate of participation in the performance of a work of public art awarded by the relevant institutions at national or international level, or by a publicly published professional critique of the work of public art.

Article 9

The duration of the student status of recognised artist and cultural worker shall be one (1) academic year and may be renewed.

IV. CRITERIA FOR OBTAINING THE STUDENT STATUS OF A STUDENT WITH PARTICIPATION IN (AREA) INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Article 10

The status of student with participation in (regional) international competitions may be granted to students who, at the time of application for this status, provide evidence of at least one participation in an (regional) international competition and proof that they will participate in one (regional) international competition during the academic year for which they are applying for the status.

Article 11

The duration of the student status of a student with participation in (regional) international competitions shall be one (1) academic year and may be renewed.

V. CRITERIA FOR OBTAINING THE STUDENT STATUS OF A STUDENT PARENT

Article 12

The status of a student parent can be obtained until the child starts primary school (compulsory education).

Article 13

The status of student parent is proved by the child's birth certificate.

Article 14

Only one parent of the same child can claim the status of student parent at the University of Primorska.

VI. THE PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING SPECIAL STATUS

Article 15

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To apply for special status, student must submit an application for special status at the time of their enrolment. The application form is attached (Attachment 1) and forms an integral part of these Rules.

The application for special status and the required evidence of fulfilment of the conditions set out in the application shall be submitted by the student to the home faculty student office. The office shall forward the application to the UP Commission for consideration within eight (8) days of its receipt.

Article 16

Notwithstanding the provision of Article 15 of these Rules, in exceptional cases the UP Commission may also consider an application for special status during the academic year.

Article 17

The competent department of the University, which is the administrator of the UP Commission, shall inform the applicants for special status of the decision of the Commission within eight (8) days of the decision. The home faculty student office of the applicants for special status shall also be informed.

VII. PRAVICE IN DOLŽNOSTI ŠTUDENTOV S POSEBNIM STATUSOM

Article 18

Students with the status of categorised athlete and coach, students with the status of recognised artist and cultural worker, students with participation in (regional) international competitions, students parents, are entitled to:

- a reduction of the compulsory attendance requirement, if this is possible in relation to the accredited study programme and in agreement with the faculty, but not less than 30% of the required attendance,
- enrolment in a higher year of study or an additional year, provided that they have completed at least 70 % of the requirements for enrolment in a higher year of study,
- taking examinations outside the regular examination periods by prior arrangement with the course holder,
- the assistance of a student tutor and a tutor teacher.

Article 19

Students with the status of categorised student athlete and coach, students with the status of student recognised artist and cultural worker, students with participation in (regional) international competitions, students parents, who are granted the rights referred to in Article 18 of these Rules, have the duty to implement the recognised status responsibly and to fulfil all other obligations stipulated in the study programme.

Students with a special status are obliged to inform the UP Commission of any change that may affect the special status granted within eight (8) days of the occurrence of such change.

Article 20

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In addition to the duties set out in Article 19 of these Rules:

- students with the status of student categorised athlete and coach are obliged to comply with the code of ethical conduct in sport and to participate in sport events or activities of the University or the faculties at the request of the University or faculties,
- students with the status of student recognised artist and cultural worker are obliged to participate in artistic activities at the events of the University or the faculties at the proposal of the University or the faculties.

Article 21

Students with special status who fail to fulfil their obligations shall forfeit their rights under this Rules. This shall be decided by the UP Commission on the proposal of the home faculty.

VIII. FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 22

These Rules shall enter into force on the day following their publication on the website of the University of Primorska.

The Rules shall be amended and supplemented in accordance with the same procedure as provided for their adoption.

Article 23

As from the date of adoption of these Rules, the Rules on the mode of completion of study requirements and the conditions for transferring for students with special status No 0221-02/05 of 10 March 2005 and the Amendments and additions to the Rules on the mode of completion of study obligations and the conditions for transferring for students with special status No 002-11/2016 of 22 June 2016 shall cease to be in force.

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Attachment:
- Application for special status of student.