



# **Luiss Sport Program Regulations**

Luiss Sport Academy



## 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.*

*With this in mind, the opportunities for education 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 university academic program, including with the aid of a scholarship, while at the same time continuing to play sports;
- b. afford each student-athlete assistance from a university tutor in devising study plans and maintaining contact with academic staff;
- c. support each student-athlete in successfully completing their chosen academic program.

## Article 3 Beneficiaries

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

- a. student-athletes enrolled in a degree, post-graduate (first-level and second-level university master's) or PhD program at Luiss University;
- b. foreign student-athletes (Erasmus, Double Degree, Partnerships);
- c. LBS students;
- d. 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 for their respective national representative teams. These competitive athletes may continue to play their sport at a competitive level for a Luiss SSD team or for clubs or associations affiliated with the relevant national or international federations.

b. Luiss Team Athletes - LT

This category comprises competitive athletes who are registered with a national sports federation and play their sport at a competitive level for a Luiss SSD team.

c. Luiss Pro Athletes - LPA

This category comprises high-profile competitive athletes in individual or team sports who are registered with a national or foreign sports club or association. These competitive athletes may continue to play their sport at a competitive level for clubs or associations affiliated with the relevant national or international federations.

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 sport.luiss.it website for each relevant academic year.

For admission to the Luiss Pro Athletes - LPA, Luiss Athletes - LA and Luiss Players - LP categories, the application to join the Luiss Sport Program must be submitted by 31 March of each academic year for non-enrolled student-athletes (who have not yet received their test results). For those already enrolled, admission to the Luiss Pro Athletes - LPA, Luiss

Athletes - LA and Luiss Players - LP categories may take place by July of each relevant academic year, and ratification of that assignment will be communicated by 31 August.

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

Following evaluation of the sports curricula vitae by the relevant Technical Commissions, if necessary the student-athlete candidate will be called for a 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 relevant categories for the purposes of admission to the Luiss Sport Program – LSP. Alternatively, in case of failure to pass the interview, 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 athlete's technical characteristics, both individual and in the team context, specific to each sport, and after the motivational interview will end the selection process. Each candidate will be awarded a score from 1 to 10, which will be decisive for the proposed classification in one of the above 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 and authorization 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 classified in the Luiss Top Athletes - LTA and Luiss Team Athletes – LT categories, limited to the Serie B basketball team and 10 athletes of the Eccellenza football league first team, 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 academic 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 with responsibility for Sport, who, with the agreement of the relevant Schools, 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 other selection channels in accordance with the procedures and deadlines set out in the relevant calls for applications.

## Article 6 Awarding and Types of Scholarships

Student-athlete candidates whom 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 academic program enrolled in for the relevant academic year, excluding the regional student welfare tax, in addition to the possibility of availing of free room and board.

## **Article 7**

### **Support Services**

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

#### **Luiss Top Athletes - LTA**

- possible admission to academic program even if all places have already been filled;
- possible awarding of a scholarship;
- individual sports university tutor;
- fully-dedicated tutoring service;
- given the obligation to attend lectures, the option at the beginning of each semester, based on the published lectures schedule and with the support of dedicated tutors, to identify for each course the channel that best allows the academic and sports commitments to be reconciled;
- flexibility of academic calendar and option of sitting exams on dates specifically agreed with the relevant faculty member and Student Office, in any case within the scheduled sessions, solely for sporting needs and commitments (national, European and world championships as well as the Olympics);
- considering that lectures must be attended and examinations cannot be taken outside of the relevant session, solely for this category is there the option to conduct exams and assessments throughout the academic year, agreeing on the timing with the relevant faculty member;
- possibility for the faculty member in charge of a course with the support of the tutor to devise a program for students not attending lectures, entirely focused on the study of the textbooks and materials made available, which dispenses with group work and "extra assignments";
- for the purpose of recognition of university education credits for other activities, the team manager course may also be attended "remotely";
- upon graduation, in consideration of the academic and athletic commitment demonstrated, an additional bonus point of 0.5 will be added to the starting score;
- 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.

[Click here to read Annex 1 "Luiss Top Athletes Guidelines"](#)

### **Luiss Team Athletes - LT**

- possible admission to academic program even if all places have already been filled, exclusively for the Serie B basketball team and selected 10 athletes of the Eccellenza football league first team. The student athletes of the remaining Luiss Teams will necessarily have to take and pass the relevant admission tests provided for the various degree programs in accordance with the procedures and deadlines set out in the relevant calls for applications;
- possible awarding of a scholarship;
- sports tutor;
- exclusively for student-athlete Team Athletes of the Serie B basketball team and Eccellenza football league team, given the obligation to attend lectures, the option at the beginning of each semester, based on the published lectures schedule and with the support of dedicated tutors, to identify for each course the channel that best allows the academic and sports commitments to be reconciled;
- flexibility of academic calendar and option of sitting exams on dates specifically agreed with the relevant faculty member and Student Office, in any case within the scheduled sessions, 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);
- for the purpose of recognition of university education credits for other activities, the team manager course may also be attended "remotely";
- medical certificate for competitive sports purposes (in accordance with the annual directives of the Office of the Sporting Director of Luiss SSD communicated to Team Managers) and sports gear;
- shuttles and transportation;
- special terms for using LSA services and facilities;
- dedicated sports secretariat.

[Click here to read Annex 2 "AS Luiss Team Guidelines"](#)

### **Luiss Pro Athletes - LPA**

- sports tutor;
- for athletes registered with sports clubs that play individual or team sports under the auspices of national and international federations (to be proved by technical documentation consisting of a photocopy of the record of membership of the sports club affiliated with the relevant federation accompanied by a formal letter signed by the president of the club certifying the student-athlete's actual participation in the federation's activity), possibility for the faculty member in charge of a course with the support of the tutor to devise a program for students not attending lectures, entirely focused on the study of the textbooks and materials made available, which dispenses with group work and "extra assignments";

- special terms for using LSA services and facilities;
- dedicated sports secretariat.

**LuiSS Athletes - LA**

- sports tutoring service;
- 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, Canoeing, Equestrian Sports, Golf, Swimming, Fencing and Taekwondo consist of five members:

- Vice Rector with responsibility for Sport;
- 2 members appointed by LuiSS University;
- 2 members appointed by the relevant national sports federation.

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

- Vice Rector with responsibility for Sport;
- 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 four members will be set up:

- Vice Rector with responsibility for Sport;
- Executive Vice President of LuiSS SSD;
- LuiSS University representative;
- Sporting Director of LuiSS SSD.



**The Luiss Sport Academy Commission** consists of five members or their representatives:

- Luiss University General Manager;
- Vice Rector with responsibility for Sport at Luiss University;
- President of Luiss SSD;
- Sporting Director of Luiss SSD.

## Article 9

### Requirements for Confirmation of Benefits for Subsequent Years

The status of student-athlete, irrespective of the Luiss Sport Program – LSP category, must be renewed by the third week of July and in any event by the end of the then current academic 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 below:

a. Academic Record:

- 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. No minimum average grade to be achieved will be required.

Exclusively for student-athletes belonging to the Luiss Top Athletes – LTA category, 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 - LSP.

b. Sports Record:

To remain in their assigned category:

- student-athletes must update their sports curriculum vitae annually and e-mail it to Luiss Sports Office: sport@luiss.it;
- in the event of membership of another club other than Luiss SSD, at the end of the sports season, student-athletes must e-mail a declaration attesting to their actual attendance to Luiss Sports Office: sport@luiss.it;
- only for the Luiss Players - LP category, student-athletes must participate in at least one activity organized by the University's Sports Office.

## Article 10

### Disciplinary Rules

The Commission in charge 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 and how well founded the charges are. The Commission in charge 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 entered into force with effect from the 2017/18 academic year. Subsequent amendments will, from time to time, take effect upon their approval.