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ON ACCREDITATION OF INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES OF YEREVAN STATE SPORTS COLLEGE OF OLYMPIC RESERVE

General Information about the Institution

Full name of the Institution: Yerevan State Sports College of Olympic Reserve
SNCO

Official Address: 31 Aram Manukyan Str., Malatia-Sebastia adm. district,
Yerevan, RA

Previous Accreditation **Not available**
decision and date:

Guided by the Statute on the State Accreditation of RA Education Institutions and their Academic Programs approved by the RA Government Decree N 978-N as of 30 June 2011, the RA Government Decree N 959-N as of 30 June 2011 on the Approval of Accreditation Criteria for Tertiary Education of RA, the Procedure on the Formation and Operation of the Accreditation Committee of the National Center for Professional Education Quality Assurance Foundation (hereinafter referred to as ANQA)” as well as by the Regulation on the Formation of ANQA Expert Panel, ANQA’s Accreditation Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) discussed the issue on accreditation of institutional capacities of the Yerevan State Sports College of Olympic Reserve (hereinafter referred to as “YSSCOR”, “TLI”) in the session of the Accreditation Committee held on February 10, 2023.

The main phases of the accreditation process were carried out within the following periods:

Submission of application: December 20, 2018

Submission of the self-evaluation: May 6, 2022

Site visit by the expert panel: September 6-9, 2022

Submission of expert panel report: November 25, 2022

Submission of the preliminary follow-up plan December 16, 2022

The external review of the YSSCOR's institutional capacities was carried out by an independent expert panel formed in compliance with the requirements set by the Regulation on the Formation of the Expert Panel. The evaluation was carried out according to the 10 criteria of institutional accreditation approved by the RA Government Decree N 959 as of 30 June 2011.

Among 10 criteria of the institutional accreditation, 2 of them — **“Research and Development”** and **“Internal Quality Assurance”** were evaluated as unsatisfactory.

Having examined the TLI's self-evaluation of institutional capacities, remarks and suggestions on the preliminary version of the expert panel report, the expert panel report, the follow-up plan; having heard the conclusions on the expert panel evaluation, which were made by the three members selected by the Chair of the Accreditation Committee and were formed as a result of the meetings with the expert panel members and the TLI's representatives; as well the comments and suggestions made by the Accreditation Committee members, the Committee stated the following:

1. The YSSCOR generally ensures the credible award of qualifications.

The YSSCOR organizes the educational process through modular programmes, in accordance with the state academic standards. The TLI places great emphasis on practical hours. The choice of teaching methods and assignments is determined by the peculiarities of the given sport and contributes to the achievement of the defined outcomes. The students obtain a coaching qualification. Meanwhile, they have the opportunity to gain refereeing experience in various junior and youth championships. Consequently, student-athletes also acquire coaching skills.

The YSSCOR is replenished with highly qualified teaching and coaching staff. A teacher evaluation procedure has been developed. The evaluation of coaches is based not only on class observations and surveys, but also on the athletes' performance and results in sports throughout the year.

The YSSCOR has the necessary resources for the conduct of professional education. The TLI invests efforts in the direction of resources' improvement and acquisition. In parallel, the sports schools' resources are used jointly for the sports that lack the necessary conditions for practice organization.

2. Governance and quality assurance systems are at the stage of formation. However, there are development trends and governance is aimed at quality enhancement, credible award of qualifications.

The YSSCOR's mission is in line with the NQF. The strategic plan's (SP) goals and objectives arise from the mission. The TLI has SP 2021-2026 and plan-schedule for its implementation. This is the TLI's first experience of strategic planning. In recent years, a number of reforms have taken place in such as the enrichment of the resource base and enhancement of the governance system. The TLI's organizational structure has been reviewed and specified. New positions and a number of regulations have been introduced as well.

The YSSCOR has a collegial governance system. Decisions are made with the involvement of stakeholders.

The governance system attaches importance to quality assurance processes. However, the quality culture is still in its infancy. The quality assurance system does not fully respond to the changes implemented. The impact of the reforms is not evaluated.

3. Internationalization and research/creative activities generally support the credible award of qualifications.

The YSSCOR does not have established mechanisms for research activity. Meanwhile, the creative environment and approaches, external relations and feedback with stakeholders create an opportunity for the TLI'S development and progress.

In 2021, the Department of External Cooperation and Public Relations was introduced. The YSSCOR takes steps for the enhancement of proficiency in foreign languages. The TLI actively cooperates with Armenia's and Artsakh's sports organizations, schools, various sports federations, National Olympic Committee of Armenia, Armenian State Institute of Physical Culture and Sport and etc.

4. The shortcomings mentioned in the expert panel report do not have crucial impact in terms of the credible award of qualifications. Grounds are laid for enhancement.

5. The follow-up plan actually involves the main recommendations provided by the expert panel. The follow-up plan is realistic and in case of implementation, will lead to qualitative enhancements.

Taking into consideration the above-mentioned, as a result of an open voting, the Accreditation Committee:

DECIDED

1. **To award institutional accreditation to the Yerevan State Sports College of Olympic Reserve SNCO for 4 /four/ years.**
2. After the publication of the decision on accreditation award, to submit a revised follow-up plan based on the expert panel report and respective time schedule to ANQA within two months, taking into account the need to give urgent solution to the problems existing in the fields of **“Research and Development”**, **“Internal Quality Assurance”**.
3. To pay special attention to:
 - a) the diversification of assignments aimed at the development of students' professional speaking skills;
 - b) the review of academic programmes, as well as review and improvement of the monitoring policy;
 - c) the clarification of ambitions and directions in research, connecting them with the academic programme and labour market's requirements;
 - d) the introduction of an educational component contributing to the acquisition of analytical, critical, research capacities and skills among students;
 - e) the development of clear requirements for research works given to students;
 - f) the introduction of incentive mechanisms for students and teachers with the purpose to engage students and teachers in research field;

- g) the implementation of mechanisms for the evaluation of quality assurance system's effectiveness, guided by the study and localization of the best examples of good practice;
 - h) the expansion of mechanisms for data collection that will allow to identify the TLI's existing challenges.
4. In accordance with the requirements set by point 12 of the Statute on the State Accreditation of RA Education Institutions and their Academic Programs, every 2 /two/ years to submit a written report to the ANQA on the results of carried out activities by ensuring the evaluation of enhancement of the TLI's activity, innovations and achievements.
 5. To assign the ANQA to carry out mandatory monitoring of effectiveness of the activities of the TLI in accordance with the KPIs.

Chair of the Accreditation Committee:

A. Saghyan

March 14, 2023

Yerevan