



Specialized Equipment (“Personal Performance Gear”)
Winter Sports

Pursuant to the Olympic Charter, the National Olympic Committee, in this case the USOC, has the “sole and exclusive authority to prescribe and determine the clothing and uniforms to be worn, and the equipment to be used” during the Olympic Games, including during competition and during ceremonies. The Pan American Sports Organization (PASO) Statute has an identical rule for the Pan American Games. However, this authority does not extend to specialized equipment used by athletes in competition.

The Olympic Charter and PASO Statute define specialized equipment as having a material effect on the performance of athletes, due to the specialized characteristics of the equipment. An athlete has the right to select his or her specialized equipment for use at the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, and other protected competitions as defined in Section 1.3(w) of the USOC Bylaws. For each sport included on the Olympic or Pan American program, the USOC, after input from the NGB and respective AAC rep, has designated the items on this list as specialized equipment.

BIATHLON

Eyewear	Bindings
Ammunition	Poles
Skis	Wax
Boots	Gloves
Rifle and accessories (stock, sling, harness, barrel, action)	

BOBSLED & SKELETON

Sled	Goggles
Shoes	Gloves
Helmet and visor	Speedsuit (Skeleton only)

CURLING

Footwear	Sliding device
Brooms	Gloves/mitts
Timing device	Pants/kilt

FIGURE SKATING

Skates (includes boots and blades)	Skate guards
	Clothing

ICE HOCKEY

Skates	Stick
Jersey	Helmet/visor
Goalie Equipment (blocker, glove, leg pads, face protection)	

LUGE

Sled	Gloves
Speedsuit	Spikes
Booties	

SKI AND SNOWBOARD

Bindings	Poles (n/a to Snowboarding)
Boots	Goggles (eyewear)
Skis/Snowboards	Helmet

SPEEDSKATING

Short Track

Skates (boots, blades)	Eyewear
Helmet	Gloves
Skinsuit	

Long Track

Skates (boots, clap mechanism, blades)	Eyewear
Skinsuit	Gloves