

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [†] <u>Ford Earl Carlton IV</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ACADEMY SPORTS AND OUTDOORS, INC. 1800 NORTH MASON ROAD (Street) KATY TX 77449 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Academy Sports & Outdoors, Inc. [ASO]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) EVP & CFO
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/20/2026	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/23/2026		M		1,289	A	(1)	16,208	D	
Common Stock	03/23/2026		F		530	D	\$51.98	15,678	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Restricted Stock Units ⁽²⁾	(3)	03/20/2026		A		17,314		(4)	03/20/2036	Common Stock	17,314	\$0	17,314	D	
Restricted Stock Units ⁽²⁾	(3)	03/20/2026		A		17,314		(5)	03/20/2036	Common Stock	17,314	\$0	17,314	D	
Restricted Stock Units ⁽²⁾	(3)	03/23/2026		M			1,289	(6)	03/21/2033	Common Stock	1,289	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Restricted stock units convert into one share of Issuer common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock") on a one-for-one basis.
- Granted under the Company's 2020 Omnibus Incentive Plan.
- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer Common Stock.
- On March 20, 2026, the Reporting Person was granted 17,314 performance-based restricted stock units ("PRsUs"). These PRsUs vest if certain preestablished performance metrics related to the Company's (i) adjusted pre-tax income, (ii) return on invested capital, and (iii) adjusted free cash flow over a 3-year period beginning on February 1, 2026 and ending on February 3, 2029, are achieved and certified by the Issuer's compensation committee (which, if any, may vary from 0% to 200% of the number shown above), subject to the Reporting Person's continued service with the Issuer through each applicable vesting date.
- On March 20, 2026, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service, the Reporting Person was granted 17,314 time-based restricted stock units that vest in three equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- On March 21, 2023, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service, the Reporting Person was granted 3,865 time-based restricted stock units that vest in three equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

Remarks:

/s/ Gary Holland, Attorney-in-Fact 03/23/2026

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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