

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Lawrence Steven Paul</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ACADEMY SPORTS AND OUTDOORS, INC. 1800 NORTH MASON ROAD  (Street) KATY TX 77449  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/02/2020	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Academy Sports &amp; Outdoors, Inc. [ ASO ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ Other (specify below) _____ See Remarks	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	178,992 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(2)	03/07/2029	Common Stock	130,561	16.57	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(3)	03/07/2029	Common Stock	33,925	16.57	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(4)	03/05/2030	Common Stock	69,107	17.3	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Reflects: (a) 154,923 time-based restricted stock units, and (b) 24,069 performance-based restricted stock units that vest if certain performance criteria and/or Issuer stock price conditions are met.
- These time-based options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on March 7, 2020.
- These performance-based options vest as follows: (a) 8,481 have vested, and (b) the remaining portion shall vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 1, 2021.
- These time-based options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on March 5, 2021.

**Remarks:**

EVP & Chief Merchandising Officer Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney.

/s/ Rene G. Casares,  
Attorney-in-Fact

10/02/2020

\*\* 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 5 (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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents that the undersigned, does hereby make, constitute and appoint each of Rene Casares, Sarah Green and Janet Morrow, or any one of them, as a true and lawful attorney-in-fact of the undersigned with full powers of substitution and revocation, for and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned (in the undersigned's individual capacity), to execute and deliver such forms that the undersigned may be required to file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission as a result of the undersigned's ownership of or transactions in securities of Academy Sports and Outdoors, Inc. (the "Company") (i) pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including without limitation, statements on Form 3, Form 4 and Form 5 (including any amendments thereto) and (ii) in connection with any applications for EDGAR access codes or any other documents necessary or appropriate to obtain codes and passwords enabling the undersigned to make electronic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including without limitation the Form ID. The Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with regard to his or her ownership of or transactions in securities of the Company, unless earlier revoked in writing. The undersigned acknowledges that Rene Casares, Sarah Green and Janet Morrow are not assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

By: /s/ Steven P. Lawrence

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Name: Steven P. Lawrence

Date: September 16, 2020