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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan for the purchase or sale of equity securities of the issuer that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

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. 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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;">CEO</p>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/04/2026	
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	03/04/2026		M		540	A	(1)	167,323	D	
Common Stock	03/04/2026		F		272	D	\$59.78	167,051	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⁾	(1)	03/04/2026		M			540	(3)	03/30/2032	Common Stock	540	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- Granted under the Company's 2020 Omnibus Incentive Plan.
- On March 30, 2022, the Reporting Person was granted 8,501 performance-based restricted stock units ("PRSUs"). These PRSUs vest if certain performance criteria and/or Issuer stock price conditions are met and certified by the Issuer's compensation committee. On March 1, 2023, the Issuer's compensation committee certified achievement of 93.7% of the performance criteria during fiscal 2022 meaning that 7,961 PRSUs were deemed earned and have fully vested as of January 30, 2026. On March 4, 2026, the Issuer's compensation committee certified achievement of certain Issuer stock price conditions as of January 30, 2026, meaning that the remaining unearned amount of this grant (i.e., 540 PRSUs) was deemed earned and vested as of the date of such certification.

Remarks:

/s/ Gary Holland, Attorney-in-Fact 03/05/2026

** 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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