

## FAQ

### **What is our rating system?**

We use a five level system ranging from Legitimate to Not Legitimate and have adopted a stop light color system for the frame around each image: Dark Green for Legitimate to Red for Not Legitimate. When the outline is blue, it means that we have not yet determined the rating.

### **How do we come up with our ratings?**

This is too complicated to answer completely. However, some of the items that go into our ratings are: 1) who is the source of the pin, 2) what does the NOC say about the pin, 3) what do traders with Olympic Village access say about the pin, 4) comparison of the pin to the NOC and Game marks and 5) information from the reverse side of the pin.

### **Do we make mistakes in our ratings?**

Yes. While we have done our best to determine the authenticity of these pins, our decisions are based on the information that we receive. It is possible that this information is incorrect or incomplete. If you believe that we have made a mistake, please contact us.

### **Do our ratings on a particular pin change from time to time?**

Yes. Our ratings are based on the information that we receive. If we receive additional information about a pin, we reserve the right to modify our ratings to take that new information into account.

### **Do we accuse people of producing unauthorized or illegal pins?**

No. While you will see that we sometimes identify people who have sold or traded pins that we believe are questionable by their auction site identities, in most cases we have no idea who these people really are. Nor do we know whether these people are just traders who are reselling a pin or the people who produced the pin.

### **Are we the pin police?**

No. While we are doing our best to reduce the number of illegitimate NOC pins, we strongly believe that it is our responsibility to provide the most accurate information possible about the authenticity of a particular pin and that it is your responsibility to decide what to do with this information.

### **How do you contact us with feedback or to request that we study a particular pin?**

We can be reached at [Illegal\\_Pin\\_Comm@comcast.net](mailto:Illegal_Pin_Comm@comcast.net).