

Book X.  
Title LIV.

Concerning athletes.  
(De athleticis.)

10.54.1. Emperors Diocletian and Maximian and the Caesars to Hermogenes.

Exemption from municipal liturgies is granted only to those athletes who have taken part in contests all their life, and have been deservedly crowned, without corruption or bribery of rival contestants, with not less than three crowns of the sacred contest, at least one of which was in Rome or in ancient Greece.

Note.

The athletes referred to were those who participated in the Greek gymnastic games, transplanted also to Italy during the empire. They were called "sacred." See Friedlander, 2 Roman Life and Manners 117, et seq; also vol. 4, p. 268.