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STATEMENT FROM NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS ASSN.

Under authority of, and by direction of, the Board of Directors of the National Athletic Trainers Association, the following statement of policy is issued:

The National Athletic Trainers Association condemns the use of all types of ergogenic aids to improve performance in sports. The N.A.T.A. went on record concerning this problem in 1962, endorsing the American Medical Association's Bill of Rights for Athletes. The N.A.T.A. has had active representation on the Joint Commission on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, organized in 1966, which recommends rule changes and additions concerning the health and safety of the athlete for Colleges, Universities and Secondary Schools. The N.A.T.A. also affirms its stand that it will cooperate with all agencies and organizations who are attempting through research to develop techniques of monitoring athletes in competition. Hopefully, this will never become a necessity. The N.A.T.A. feels that proper education of the athletes and all concerned is a much better solution to the problem.

The Committee on Ethics of N.A.T.A. has the function and duty to investigate any reported violation of ethical practice by an Athletic Trainer, including the use of ergogenic aids, particularly stimulants, depressants, and anabolic steroids. It is acknowledged that these drugs are used by a small percent of athletes, who are receiving a large percent of the publicity. The N.A.T.A. has not, and will never condone or excuse the use of drugs in athletics, except those used for strictly therapeutic treatment and administered by, or under the supervision of, a medical doctor.

There is no place in athletics for the substitution of drugs for hard work and the healthy habits of proper rest and proper diet.

Any athletic trainer found guilty of non-therapeutic use of drugs with his athletes will be subject to expulsion from the N.A.T.A., and whatever further action is provided for by the law.

Robert H. Gunn
President
National Athletic Trainers Assn.

1972 Annual Meeting—St. Louis, Missouri
Stouffer's Riverfront Inn, June 11, 12, 13, 14

STATEMENT OF POLICIES

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS ASSOCIATION

POLICY 1

NON-THERAPEUTIC USE OF DRUGS

STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS ASSOCIATION

Under authority of, and by direction of, the Board of Directors of the National Athletic Trainers Association (N.A.T.A.), the following statement of policy is issued:

The question of use and misuse of drugs in sports has received and undoubtedly will continue to receive considerable public attention and journalistic treatment. Since the role of the Athletic Trainer falls within this question, the National Athletic Trainers Association desires to emphasize its complete condemnation of the use of ergogenic aids -- particularly stimulants, depressants, and anabolic steroids -- in attempts to gain advantage in sports performances. The misuse and abuse of drugs by an athlete not only presents to him potentially significant hazards for dubious gains -- it also raises a cloud of controversy over legitimate and constructive use of medications and drugs in athletics. It further produces, especially among the emulating public, misconceptions instead of insights into sports -- demonstrated principles of healthful living. There is no place in athletics for the substitution of drugs for hard work and the healthy habits of proper rest and proper diet.

The N.A.T.A. reaffirms its stand that it will cooperate with all agencies and organizations who are attempting, through research, to develop techniques of monitoring athletes in competition. Hopefully this will not become a necessity. We feel that accurate, meaningful education of athletes and their leaders, relying on ethical instead of legal conduct for controls, is a much better objective and more realistic solution to the problem. To this end, the N.A.T.A. has utilized various means available to it as an organization.

In 1962, N.A.T.A. endorsed the AMA's Bill of Rights for the Athlete, which is anchored on responsible health supervision of athletics. The N.A.T.A. maintains active representation on the Joint Commission on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, which recommends rule changes and additions concerning the health and safety of the high school and collegiate athlete.

The N.A.T.A. currently is co-sponsoring with the AMA and the Athletic Institute a manual on the fundamentals of athletic training, which is designed to help personnel in schools presently unable to obtain the services of a Certified Athletic Trainer.

The N.A.T.A. Committee on Ethics has the function and duty to investigate any reported violation of ethical practices by an athletic trainer, which includes provision or use of drugs other than those required for therapeutic treatment and administered by or under the supervision of a physician. Any athletic trainer found guilty of violation of these ethical practices will be subject to expulsion from the N.A.T.A., and whatever further action is provided for by the law.

The athletic trainer has been commended by the American Medical Association (House of Delegates Resolution, 1967) for his strategic professional role in protecting and promoting the health of active youth. The N.A.T.A. re-pledges its ongoing professional preparation, continuing education, and cooperative liaison programs for serving this role effectively, with particular attention to drug education.

POLICY 2

SELECTION OF OLYMPIC AND PAN AMERICAN GAME TRAINERS

The procedure for the selection of Olympic and Pan American Game trainers is as follows:

1. All members of the N.A.T.A. must submit their names for selection as athletic trainer for the Olympic and Pan American competition through their respective districts of the N.A.T.A. for presentation to the N.A.T.A. Olympic Selection Committee.
2. Failure to go through the N.A.T.A. Selection Committee will result in review by the Code of Ethics Committee.
3. No N.A.T.A. member will directly submit his name to the United States Committee nor encourage his name to be submitted.

Policy Statement Approved by the NCAA's Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. Approved July 17, 1973.

Calculated risks as well as benefits are inherited by collegiate institutions sponsoring athletic activities. To physicians and athletic trainers are delegated the responsibility to represent the sponsoring institution's interest in controlling the risks. The task of determining an athlete's medical eligibility for participation, when given to team physicians¹ and/or qualified athletic trainers², provides the coach and the athlete an informed estimate of the significance of an injury or other atypical condition. Further, it provides responsible medical supervision for visiting teams and tourney contests hosted by an institution.

The NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports urges all collegiate institutions to strive for quality medical supervision of their athletic programs and to support the decision-making prerogatives delegated to these personnel. The team physician and certified athletic trainer are bringing professional assistance to athletic programs at a time when accountability within these programs is beginning to require such assistance.

¹ AMA Committee on Medical Aspects of Sports, "The Team Physician", Journal of School Health 37: 497-501 (Dec.) 1967.

² i.e., those meeting certification requirements of the National Athletic Trainers Association.

POLICY 3

SELECTION OF OLYMPIC AND PAN AMERICAN GAME TRAINERS

The procedure for the selection of Olympic and Pan American Game Trainers is as follows:

1. All members of the NATA must submit their names for selection as athletic trainers for the Olympic and Pan American competition through their respective districts of the NATA for presentation to the NATA Olympic Selection Committee.
2. Failure to go through the NATA Selection Committee will result in review by the Code of Ethics Committee.
3. No NATA member will directly submit his name to the United States Committee nor encourage his name to be submitted.

Approved by the Board of Directors
June, 1974
Kansas City, Missouri

Deleted by the Board of Directors
February 8, 1980
Fort Worth, Texas

POLICY 4

INTER-COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTION

All inter-committee requests presented to the Board of Directors for Board action must first have the signatures of the committee chairpersons involved.

This does not mean that all chairpersons involved are in favor of the request, but indicates that they are aware of requested action and also should state their committee's opinion.

Approved by the Board of Directors
January 12, 1976
Chicago, Illinois

POLICY 5

PROXY VOTING

There will be no proxy voting at the Board of Directors Meeting.

If a Director must be absent from the meeting, a Certified member from that district shall take his place with full voting privileges.

Approved by the Board of Directors
January 30, 1977
Chicago, Illinois

POLICY 6

WORTHLESS CHECKS

Anyone submitting a check which for any reason is returned worthless to either the National Office, Journal Office, or District Secretaries will be charged an administrative fee of \$10.00 in addition to the original amount of the check.

Approved by the Board of Directors
June 14, 1978
Dearborn, Michigan

POLICY 7

REINSTATEMENT FEE

Any person removed from the rolls of N.A.T.A. for non-payment of dues who requests and receives approval of reinstatement will be assessed a \$10.00 reinstatement fee plus payment of back dues.

Approved by the Board of Directors
June 14, 1978
Dearborn, Michigan

POLICY 8

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEES FOR PROGRAM SPEAKERS

N.A.T.A. Convention Registration Fees will be waived for Program Speakers who are N.A.T.A. members.

Approved by the Board of Directors
January 8, 1978
Nashville, Tennessee

POLICY 10

ASH TRAYS AT N.A.T.A. ANNUAL MEETING AND CLINICAL SYMPOSIUMS

Ash trays will not be provided during clinical sessions at N.A.T.A. Annual Meetings and Clinical Symposiums. At the opening session an announcement will be made in regard to this.

Approved by the Board of Directors
February 10, 1980
Fort Worth, Texas

POLICY 11

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

All committee chairpersons, when submitting nominations for committee appointments, will complete the NATA Committee Nomination Form and provide a Personal Vita on each person recommended to the Board of Directors for action.

These documents will be presented to the Executive Director who will in turn submit them to the President and the Board of Directors.

No action will be taken by the Board of Directors on recommendations for committee appointments without this information.

Approved by the Board of Directors
June 10, 1980
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

POLICY 12

ACTIVELY ENGAGED STATUS

All Certified Athletic Trainers must file a form on an annual basis declaring their "Actively Engaged" status.

Approved by the Board of Directors
February 8, 1981
Fort Worth, Texas

POLICY 13

MEMBER REPRESENTATION

No member of the NATA may be appointed to serve as a representative of the Association for more than two (2) areas of representation without special approval and justification from the Board of Directors.

Approved by the Board of Directors
February 8, 1981
Fort Worth, Texas

POLICY 14

DISTRICT TAX-EXEMPT STATUS

It is the long-standing policy of the National Athletic Trainers' Association that each District Organization is financially independent of the National Organization. As such, each District is responsible for reporting to the United States Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service and obtaining tax-exempt status on an individual basis.

Approved by the Board of Directors
February 9, 1981
Fort Worth, Texas

POLICY 15

TERM OF LIAISON REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTMENT

The appointment of Liaison Representatives will be for a one (1) year term to be appointed by the President with agreement of Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.

Approved by the Board of Directors
June 8, 1981
Fort Worth, Texas

POLICY 16

REPORTS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All committee and liaison reports submitted to the Board of Directors will be in written form. Verbal reports will only be accepted when presented with a written report.

Twenty (20) type written copies of the above mentioned reports must be submitted to the Executive Director for distribution, prior to the designated deadline for committee reports.

Approved by the Board of Directors
February 8, 1982
Greenville, North Carolina