

By-Laws of the National Athletic

Trainers' Association

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility for membership, conditions and obligations of membership, classes of membership, termination of membership, and re-instatement for membership are governed by Articles III, IV, and VI of the Constitution of the Association.

Section 2. Active Membership:  
Athletic Trainers from Universities, Colleges, Junior Colleges, Professional Football, Baseball, Basketball, High Schools, Preparatory Schools and Military Establishments, who are at present and have been actively engaged in the profession of athletic training for a period of five years and who are acceptable to the organization, shall be eligible for active membership. Each active member shall have the privilege of one (1) vote.

(a) As of June 1, 1957, anyone making application for active membership in this organization shall submit evidence of graduation from an accredited college or university or certified from a school of physical therapy.

Section 3. Associate Membership:  
Any individual who has engaged in preparation for the athletic training profession for at least two years or who is a member of the athletic staff of any high school, preparatory school or military school, and does not qualify for active membership, is eligible for associate membership in this association. Associate members may take part in discussions or debates, and, in general, have the privilege of the floor, but shall not be entitled to vote.

Section 4. Allied Membership:  
This class of membership shall be open to business concerns and commercial enterprises who are interested in athletics in general.

Section 5. Advisory Membership:  
Team physicians for universities, colleges, junior colleges, high schools, military schools, professional football, baseball, basketball, or ice hockey clubs, who are directly associated with and actively engaged in aiding the Athletic Trainer in his work, and who are acceptable to the organization shall be eligible for membership in this class in any advisory capacity. There is to be no active vote or dues. Nominations for this class of membership must be received through the committee on membership and are subject to their judgment.

Section 6. Honorary Membership:  
Honorary members shall be elected only through the National chapter and by a majority vote of the active members present at the annual meeting. Proposals for honorary memberships shall come only through the chairman of the committee on honorary memberships. Any person, who, by virtue of his acts or speech, shows a profound interest in the training profession shall be eligible for this

class of membership. Nominations for this class of membership must be received through the committee on honorary membership and are subject to their judgment.

- Section 7. Retired Membership:  
Any active members upon retiring because of age, shall retain an active membership with all voting privileges without payment of dues.

#### ARTICLE II - ELECTION OF MEMBERS

- Section 1. Election of candidates for membership to the National Athletic Trainers' Association shall be proposed and recommended by at least one member within the applicant's respective district. The application shall then be passed on or rejected by the membership committee of the respective District Athletic Trainers' Association.

#### ARTICLE III - RE-INSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Any member suspended for failure in payment of dues six (6) months after January 1, may be re-instated only by action of the officer of the association of the district involved at the next annual meeting.

- Section 2. Transfer:  
Any member of this association who is in good standing and who moves into another district other than that in which he holds membership may be eligible for membership in the new district by filing a request with the secretary of the district to which he is going.

#### ARTICLE IV - DUES

- Section 1. The annual dues for membership shall be two (2) dollars for all types of membership except honorary, advisory, and retired. Honorary, advisory, and retired members shall pay no dues.
- Section 2. All dues are payable only through the district office on or before January 1, for the ensuing year.
- Section 3. For each district to remain in good standing it must send the National Association two (2) dollars for each member regardless of the type of membership.
- Section 4. The Constitution of the Association provides for suspension of membership upon failure of a member to pay dues six (6) months after January 1.

#### ARTICLE V - ORGANIZATION

- Section 1. For the purpose of facilitating the work of this association it shall be divided into nine geographic districts as follows:
1. Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont.
  2. Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania.
  3. Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia.

4. Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin, and University of Iowa.
5. Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and University of Colorado.
6. Arkansas, Texas.
7. Colorado, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, Arizona, New Mexico.
8. California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, Alaska.
9. Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee.

#### ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

Section 1. There shall be the following committees established by the Association:

- (a) Membership
- (b) Code of Ethics
- (c) Honorary Membership and Awards
- (d) Twenty-five Year Award
- (e) Publicity
- (f) Constitution and By-Laws
- (g) Injury
- (h) Recognitions
- (i) Convention Program

Section 2. Composition and functions of the committees are as follows:

- (a) Membership:  
Chairman and four members. To act upon applications for membership in the National Athletic Trainers' Association as per constitution and by-laws of the association. To categorize all applications and to review and present facts to annual meeting in regard to suspension or revocation of membership for reasons stated in the constitution and by-laws.
- (b) Code of Ethics:  
Chairman and four members. To investigate all violations of the Code which are brought to their attention. To collect all data pertaining to any reported violation, consider all sides of any controversial issue, and to forward a report of their findings and recommendations to the Board of Directors for final action.
- (c) Honorary Memberships and Awards:  
Chairman and eight members. To award honorary memberships and bestow appropriate awards to deserving persons associated with athletic training or athletics in general.
- (d) Twenty-Five Year Award:  
Chairman and three members. To investigate and approve the professional record of nominees for twenty-five year awards. To devise and present to qualified recipients an appropriate certificate at the annual meeting.
- (e) Publicity:  
To be handled through the districts. To secure and supply editorials and other articles for publication. To secure articles and papers for the "Journal of the National Athletic Trainers' Association."

- (f) **Constitution and By-Laws:**  
Chairman and two members. To be responsible for classification of legislation enacted by the association and incorporation of that legislation into the Constitution and By-Laws.
- (g) **Injury:**  
Chairman and nine members. One member from each regional association. To compile statistical data concerning athletic injuries as directed by the Board of Directors. To publish and distribute such data to organizations and individuals only at the direction of the Board of Directors.
- (h) **Recognitions:**  
Chairman, twelve active members, and five advisory members. To acquire recognition with other associations. To gain affiliate membership with other desired organizations.
- (i) **Convention Program:**  
Chairman and two members of the host district. To establish a program for the annual convention subject to approval of the Board of Directors. To plan and carry out the details of the annual convention.

Section 3. Committee chairmen and committee members named by the Board of Directors must be active, advisory, or honorary members of the National Athletic Trainers' Association.

#### ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting shall be held in June of each year.

#### ARTICLE VIII - SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1. The usual Order of Business procedure is as follows:

- (a) Roll Call
- (b) Reading or the disposal of any unapproved minutes
- (c) Reports of Officers
- (d) Report of Board Chairman
- (e) Committee Reports
- (f) Unfinished Business
- (g) New Business
- (h) Adjournment

#### ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of the active members present without previous notice, provided said amendment has been approved by the Board of Directors of the Association.

#### ARTICLE X

All parliamentary procedures and matters not included in this Constitution and By-Laws shall be governed by the Roberts Rules of Orders.