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New Constitution of the National Athletic  
Trainers' Association

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the National Athletic Trainers' Association.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this association shall be:

- (1) The advancement, encouragement, and improvement of the athletic training profession in all of its phases, and to promote a better working relationship among those persons interested in the problems of training.
- (2) To develop further the ability of each of its members.
- (3) To better serve the common interest of its members by providing a means for a free exchange of ideas within the profession.
- (4) To enable the members to become better acquainted personally through casual good fellowship.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. There shall be six classes of membership and no individual shall be eligible for more than one class of membership at one time.

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| (a) Active   | (b) Associate | (c) Allied  |
| (d) Advisory | (e) Honorary  | (f) Retired |

Section 2. Each member shall have the respective rights and duties as provided for in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV - ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Application:

Each applicant for any class of membership shall sign an application stating his desire and intention to become a member of the association, to advance its best interests in every reasonable manner and to accept as binding upon himself its constitution and by-laws.

Section 2. The By-Laws shall prescribe further procedure by which eligibility for and election to membership shall be effected.

ARTICLE V - DUES

Section 1. The dues of all classes of members shall be as prescribed by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI - SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership cancellations may be recommended by any member of the association for a cause and the membership of any member be caused to cease by a two-thirds majority vote of those members present at the annual meeting.

Section 2. Appeals:

Any member whose membership is cancelled shall be allowed either in person or through some member of the association to appeal to the membership committee. This information shall be presented to and acted upon by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Arrears:

Any member delinquent in payment of dues six (6) months after January 1, should be considered suspended, and will not be entitled to a vote at the following annual meeting.

## ARTICLE VII - VOTING POWER

Section 1. Active members shall be entitled to one vote upon all questions submitted to the association for decision.

## ARTICLE VIII - ORGANIZATION

Section 1. National:

The governing body of this association shall be a Board of Directors, made up of the Directors of the ten districts of the association. This term of office shall run from the termination of the National Convention.

- (a) The Board of Directors will elect one of its members as Chairman of the Board. Nominations shall be made from the floor. Such elections shall be held annually.
- (b) The Board of Directors shall meet immediately preceding the annual convention.
- (c) The Board of Directors shall have an Ex-Officio member. He shall be voted on a one-year term and appointed each year by the Board.
- (d) A past member of the Board of Directors may be appointed by the Board as an Ex-Officio member.
- (e) For the transaction of business, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Regional:

The Regional Trainers' Association will be self-governing as per its own specific constitution and by-laws. In its relations with the National Organization the Regional Association will be under the jurisdiction of the National Athletic Trainers' Association constitution and by-laws.

- (a) For the purpose of facilitating the work of this association the Regional Trainers' Association shall be divided into nine geographic districts. A desired alteration by the affected local region must be approved by the Board of Directors of the National Organization.
- (b) Each district elects a Director to serve on the Board of Directors of the National Association. This Director acts in full authority for the district at the Board of Directors' meetings.

Section 3. There shall be a Secretary-Treasurer of this organization. He shall be elected by the Board of Directors at its annual election. Nominations shall be made from the floor.

Section 4. Removal of Officers:

All national officers may be impeached and convicted on the following grounds: embezzlement, malfeasance in office, and actions contrary to or in violation of this constitution and its by-laws. Before impeachment proceedings can be instituted, a brief containing the charges shall be drawn up and presented by a Board member to the Board of Directors sitting in executive session. The afore-mentioned brief must then be adopted by a majority vote prior to the formal presentation of the charges. Impeachment of any officer shall require a two-thirds vote of the entire voting membership of the Association.

## ARTICLE IX - POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to transact the business and administer the affairs of the National Association. It may transact such part of said business as it may deem wise by correspondence - such action, however, to be noted by the Secretary in his minutes and reported to the National Association at the annual convention. It shall have complete authority to manage the funds and property of the Association.

Section 2. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and at any meeting of the National Association, as its presiding officer. He shall supervise the working of the Association.

Section 3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall have the following duties:

- (a) He shall record the minutes of all meetings of the Association and shall keep records of attendance of members.
- (b) He shall conduct correspondence of the Association with other organizations and individuals and shall receive all reports of committees.
- (c) He shall send out notices of the regular and special meetings and attend to all duties as may pertain to the office.
- (d) He shall keep the Chairman of the Board informed as to the status of the members.
- (e) He shall receive and deposit all Association monies in the name of the Association.
- (f) He shall issue receipts and shall pay all accounts as authorized by the executives of the Association.
- (g) He shall furnish a detailed statement of the financial affairs of the Association at the annual meeting. This information shall also be made available to the officers of the Association at any time they may request it.
- (h) He shall be custodian of all records, books, and papers belonging to the Association.

## ARTICLE X - COMMITTEES

Section 1. All committees, standing and special, shall be appointed or dissolved by the Board of Directors at its discretion.

## ARTICLE XI - MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting shall be held each year at a time and place set by the Directors.

Section 2. Quorum:  
The quorum shall consist of one-fifth of the Association's active membership.

## ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association at least six weeks prior to the annual meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer will distribute copies of the proposal to all voting members at least three weeks prior to the meeting.

Section 2. The proposed amendment shall be read and a two-thirds majority vote of the active members present shall be necessary for the adoption of the said amendment.