

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

of the

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION

(Revised and Adopted June 1955)

ARTICLE I - NAME

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

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The objectives of this association shall be:

- (1) The advancement, encouragement and improvement of the athletic training profession in all 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. Active Membership:

Athletic Trainers from Universities, Colleges, Junior Colleges, Professional Football, Baseball, Basketball, High Schools, Preparatory Schools and Military 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, 1956, anyone making application for active membership in this organization shall

submit evidence of graduation from an accredited college or university or certificate 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 an 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 membership and are subject to their judgment.

Section 7. Retired Membership:

Any active members upon retiring because of age, shall retain his active membership with all voting privileges without payment of dues.

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

ARTICLE V - 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. All dues are payable on or before January 1 for the ensuing year.

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. He may be reinstated only by action of the officers of the association at the next annual meeting.
- Section 4. 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 VII - VOTING POWER

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

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS

Section 1. 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. The Board of Directors will elect one of its members as Chairman of the Board. Such elections shall be held annually.

Section 2. There shall be a Secretary-Treasurer of this organization. He shall be elected by the Board of Directors at its annual election.

ARTICLE IX - POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to act for the National Association in all administrative matters.

- (a) Each member of the National Board of Directors shall be the official administrative representative of his own district.

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.

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 receive and deposit all association monies in the name of the association.
- (e) He shall collect all association dues and keep the Chairman of the Board informed as to the status of the members.
- (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.

ARTICLE X - COMMITTEES

Section 1. All committees shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI - MEETINGS

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

Section 3. 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 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.

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

Section 3. The usual business of the Association shall be conducted in accordance with the following:

- (a) Roll Call.
- (b) Reading of the minutes of any unapproved minutes.
- (c) Report of Officers.
- (d) Report of Board Chairman.
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