

ATHLETIC TRAINING PERSPECTIVE

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Passing the Gavel

Welcome to the eighth issue of the Athletic Training Perspective. Please take time to read this issue very carefully because it contains current information regarding the practice of athletic training.

Mark Doughty, past Chairman of the Athletic Trainers Section, will remain on the Board until his term ends August 27, 2003. Mark has been a member of the Athletic Trainers Section since September 13, 1990. While serving on the Board, Mark has been the Chairman of the Athletic Trainers Section (1996-2002), a member of the Joint Board Executive Committee (1996-2003), and the Secretary of the Joint Board (1997-2002).

Mark has served the profession of athletic training and Ohio's consumers with great dedication and commitment. He was one of the first athletic trainers appointed to the Athletic Trainers Section, when it was created in 1990.

Mark has had a vision of what and how athletic training should be in the State of Ohio. He was instrumental in the development of the Athletic Training Practice Act, which now governs the practice of Athletic Training. Through his work and other contributions, he has helped make the athletic training profession recognized as an important allied healthcare profession in the State of Ohio.

Though Mark will be leaving the Section, the products of his hard work and dedication will forever be written within the Athletic Training Practice Act. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the profession. You will be greatly missed by all!

Kurt McClurg Assumes Chair of the AT Section

Kurt McClurg became the Chair of the Athletic Trainers Section January 1, 2003. Prior to his chairmanship, Kurt chaired the AT Investigative Committee. Kurt served as the Joint Board President from 1993-1994 and as a member of the Joint Board Executive Committee from 1996 to the present. Kurt has been a member of the Athletic Trainers Section since his appointment in 1990.

Tentative Meeting Schedule for 2003-2004

August, 2003 - No Meeting
September 11, 2003
October 16, 2003
November 12, 2003
December, 2003 - No Meeting
January 15, 2004
February 25, 2004
March, 2004 - No Meeting
April 7, 2004
May 20, 2004
June 23, 2004

2003 Rule Update

The following rules have been updated in 2003. Please make sure you are aware of the changes as they may affect your practice of athletic training in Ohio.

4755-40-01 Notice of meetings.

(A) Any person may obtain notification of the time and place of regularly scheduled meetings or the time, place and purpose of any special meeting by:

(1) Writing the board office, whose present address is: "The Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board, 77 South High Street, Sixteenth Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-6108."

(2) Calling the board office by telephone at area code 614-466-3774 or 800-871-1921 during normal business hours.

(3) Appearing in person at the board office during normal business hours.

(B) Any person may obtain advance notice of all meetings at which any specific type of public business for which he/she desires to be notified and by supplying the athletic trainers section of the Ohio occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic trainers board with stamped, pre-addressed envelopes. The board office will mail to such person a notice of the time and place of the meeting, and the type of business to be discussed, at least four calendar days before the meeting is scheduled unless the meeting is an emergency meeting.

(C) The board office will maintain a list of representatives of the news media who have requested in writing notice of special or emergency meetings. The board office shall mail to such representatives notice at least four days before special meetings or shall telephone notice at least twenty-four hours before special meetings. In the event of an emergency meeting, the representatives of the news media who have requested notification shall be notified immediately of the time, place and purpose of the meeting. News media requesting meeting notification shall supply the board with the name, mailing address and telephone number of the representative to be contacted.

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4755-41-01 Code Of Ethics.

The following basic principles make up the code of ethics for the practice of athletic training in the state of Ohio. Athletic trainers who reflect these characteristics will be a credit to the profession, the institution they represent and to themselves. When a person becomes a licensed athletic trainer they assume certain ethical obligations and responsibilities. An athletic trainer whose conduct is not in accordance with the principles set forth in the following code of ethics shall be considered in violation of the Revised Code:

Principle 1

Athletic trainers shall show no discrimination in their efforts while performing duties.

Principle 2

Athletic trainers shall support, encourage and condone good sportsman like practice.

Principle 3

Athletic trainers should provide care on the basis of the needs of the individual athlete. Athletic trainers should not discriminate in providing care on the basis of athletic ability.

Principle 4

Athletic trainers should strive to achieve the highest level of competence. Athletic trainers should use only those techniques and preparations for which they are qualified and authorized to administer.

Principle 5

Athletic trainers should recognize the need for continuing education to remain proficient in their practice. Athletic trainers should be willing to consider new procedures within the scope of practice of athletic training that assure safety.

Principle 6

Athletic trainers shall not by their conduct or comments publicly discredit or lower the dignity of members of the profession.

Principle 7

Athletic trainers should use care to be truthful and not misleading when stating their education, training and experience.

Principle 8

Athletic trainers shall comply with the laws and regulations that govern the practice of athletic training.

Principle 9

Athletic trainers shall protect the public and the profession by reporting any conduct that they consider unethical, illegal or incompetent to the athletic trainers section of the Ohio occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic trainers board.

Principle 10

Athletic trainers shall not guarantee the results of any training, consultation, or therapeutic procedure. A reasonable statement of prognosis is not improper, but successful results are dependent upon many uncontrollable factors, hence, any warranty is deceptive and unethical.

Principle 11

Athletic trainers shall not exploit persons served professionally by:

(A) Accepting individuals for treatment if benefit cannot reasonably be expected to occur.

(B) Continuing treatment without reasonable expectation of further benefits.

Principle 12

Athletic trainers should keep accurate records for all areas of injury management. These shall include but are not limited to written referrals, personal injury reports/ initial evaluations, and daily treatment / rehabilitation logs.

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4755-42-02 Referring practitioner.

(A) Practitioners licensed under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code who are authorized by division (A) of section 4755.60 of the Revised Code to make referrals to athletic trainers shall be those person licensed under Chapter 4731. to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, and podiatrists.

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4755-43-05 Denial, suspension or revocation of license.

(A) When the athletic trainers section refuses to issue or renew a license or denies an application for examination or intends to consider the suspension or revocation of a license or reprimanding or placing on probation a licensee, the section shall notify the person in writing of his/her opportunity for hearing. Such notice shall be given by registered mail and shall include the reason for the section's action and shall inform the person that he/she is entitled to a

hearing provided said hearing is requested in writing within thirty days of the date of the mailings of the notice. The notice shall set forth the rights of the person to appear at said hearing with or by an attorney, and to examine witnesses for or against him/her. Upon written notification that a hearing is requested, the section shall schedule a hearing not less than seven days, but within fifteen days, of the date the section receives such notification, unless otherwise agreed to by both the section and the person.

(B) In the event the license of an athletic trainer is suspended or revoked by the athletic trainers section of the Ohio occupational therapy, physical therapy and athletic trainers board pursuant to violation of any provision of sections 4755.60 to 4755.66 of the Revised Code or violation of any lawful order or rule of the athletic trainers section, the athletic trainer shall, upon receipt of the final order from the athletic trainers section, within fourteen days surrender to the board office all evidence of his/her license, including his/her wall certificate, current pocket identification card and any and all copies of his/her pocket identification card.

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4755-43-06 Reinstatement of licensure.

(A) Pursuant to section 4755.63 of the Revised Code, each license issued under section 4755.62 of the Revised Code expires two years after the date of issue unless renewed by the athletic trainers section upon payment of the prescribed renewal fee and submission of satisfactory completion of not less than sixty hours of continuing education courses acceptable to the section, or reexamination. After the date of expiration a license can only be renewed by:

- (1) Completing a license application.
- (2) Submitting a notarized statement giving the reason why the license lapsed.
- (3) Payment of all fees owed.

(C) No person shall qualify for reinstatement of their athletic training license unless they have shown to the satisfaction of the athletic trainers section that he/she has successfully completed 60 hours of continuing education within a two-year period immediately preceding his/her application for reinstatement.

D) The athletic trainers section may also require:

(1) Appearance before the section for a reinstatement interview.

(2) Taking or retaking the laws and rules examination.

(3) Taking or retaking the athletic trainer examination.

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Continuing Education Rule Refresher

Please be aware that the continuing education standards in order to maintain your Ohio athletic training license are **NOT** the same as the NATA continuing education requirements. The following rule outlines the acceptable standards for continuing educational activities in Ohio. Please review this rule so that you earn your continuing educational hours in the appropriate categories.

4755-45-01 Continuing education.

(A) Pursuant to section 4755.63 of the revised code, each license issued under section 4755.62 of the Revised Code expires two years after the date of issue. Persons holding a valid, unexpired license may apply to the athletic trainers section of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board on forms and according to the schedule approved by the section, for renewal of their license. The section shall renew a license upon the payment of the license renewal fee prescribed by rule 4755-43-09 of the administrative code and submission to the section of proof of satisfactory completion of not less than sixty (60) hours of continuing education, acceptable to the section, or reexamination as outlined in section 4755-43-02 of the Ohio administrative code.

(B) Continuing education shall be approved by the athletic trainers section. Continuing education shall be defined as participation in an organized continuing education experience under responsible sponsorship, capable direction, and qualified instruction. One contact hour equals sixty (60) minutes. Pursuant to section 4755.63 of the Ohio

revised code, six units shall equal sixty (60) contact hours.

(1) Applications for prior approval of workshops or conference content by the athletic trainers section may be obtained by the workshop conference sponsor from the board office. For prior approval, completed applications must be received by the section no later than ninety days prior to the date of the workshop or conference.

(2) Licensees shall obtain from the board office verification of participation forms which are to be signed by each presenter at the conclusion of each presentation if no other form of verification is used. If a presentation is made by a panel of individuals, only one signature is required. Original continuing education certificates or other original documents indicating credits awarded may also be used as verification of participation.

(3) Continuing education hours shall exclude refreshment breaks, receptions and other social gatherings and meals.

(C) Acceptable continuing education activities may include:

(1) Participation in professional workshops, seminars and/or conferences. Credit is obtained by participation in presentations that have either been approved by the athletic trainers section, sponsored by the National Athletic Trainers Association, National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification, The Great Lakes Athletic Trainers Association, or the Ohio Athletic Trainers Association, or which otherwise meets all the following criteria:

- (a) Contributes directly to the professional competency;
- (b) Relates directly to the clinical practice of athletic training;
- (c) Conducted by individuals who have demonstrated expertise in the subject matter of the program.

Proof of content shall be demonstrated by the original workshop or conference brochure, agenda, and/or other materials given to the participants during the presentation and/or, if applicable, information documented on prior approval applications made with the board.

A minimum of ten (10) hours is required to be earned under this category per renewal cycle.

There is no limit on the number of continuing education hours which may be earned under this category.

- (2) Presentations of athletic training education programs, workshops, or seminars. The presentations must be to health or education professional and/or students, and related to the practice of athletic training. Proof of having conducted the presentation is the workshop or conference or seminar brochures or agendas or other printed materials describing content and audience and signed by the program organizer. Five (5) hours shall be awarded per presentation. A maximum of ten (10) hours is allowed to be earned under this category per renewal cycle.
- (3) Publication of original work. Ten (10) hours will be awarded per original publication in a state or national scientific journal or publication of a related professional organization. The maximum of twenty (20) hours is allowed to be earned under this category per renewal cycle.
- (4) Postgraduate Study. Any study completed after receiving a bachelors degree may be submitted for consideration by the athletic trainers section. The study must be related to improving one's athletic training skills and/or knowledge, there will be five (5) hours awarded for each semester hour or equivalent accepted, with a maximum of forty (40) hours per renewal cycle. Proof of successful completion will be a copy of the course description and an official copy of the transcript.
- (5) Self-study. Formal self-study packages, related to the practice of athletic training are acceptable. Proof of completion is the certificate from the self-study sponsors. A maximum of thirty (30) hours is allowed to be earned under this category per renewal cycle.
- (6) Certification in first aid will be awarded five (5) hours per renewal cycle.
- (7) Certification in CPR will be awarded five (5) hours per renewal cycle.
- (D) An athletic training license shall not be renewed unless the licensee has signed their renewal application certifying that they have completed the required number of continuing education hours per renewal. A licensee who falsifies a renewal application may be prosecuted by the athletic training section for violation section 4755.64(A)(3) of the Ohio

revised code.

- (E) Records and documentation of continuing education activities such as verification of participation forms, conference brochures, certificates, college or university transcripts or grade reports, articles, books, and/or apprenticeship evaluations are to be maintained by the licensee.
- (F) The athletic trainers section shall conduct a random audit of the continuing education records of not less than five percent of the licensees no later than the thirtieth day of June following the renewal deadline.
 - (1) Licensees chosen randomly will required to submit documentation to support the continuing education activities within the timeframe specified by the athletic trainers section. After review of the records and documentation, if requested, the materials shall be returned to the licensee.
 - (2) Failure to comply with an audit request shall constitute grounds for denial of renewal, suspension, or revocation of the license.
 - (3) Any person whose license has expired for failing to comply with continuing education requirements may be reported to the National Healthcare Integrity Practitioner Data Bank, and the National Athletic Trainers Association Board for Certification.
- (G) Any person whose license has expired for failure to comply with continuing education requirements may only obtain a new valid license by completing the following:
 - (1) Completion of the reinstatement process as outlined under section 4755-43-06 of the Ohio administrative code; and
 - (2) Proof of good standing with the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification;
 - (3) In addition, the athletic trainers section may require payment of late fee not to exceed forty-five dollars.

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Please be aware that the continuing education reporting period for the 2004 license renewal is from 5/15/02 through 5/15/04.

Role of the Athletic Trainers Section

The Athletic Trainers Section of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainers Board consists of five (5) members appointed by the Governor to license and regulate the profession of athletic training. Appointments are made with the advice and consent of the Senate .

The Ohio Athletic Trainers Association and National Athletic Trainers Association are **NOT** affiliated with the Athletic Trainers Section. Please be sure to review the Athletic Training Practice Act, which is available on the Board's website (www.state.oh.us/pyt), and familiarize yourself with the laws and rules governing the practice of athletic training in Ohio.

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Program (CAAHEP) Information

For those of you in a collegiate setting that currently has an athletic training major, your institution should inform all students and their parents of your CAAHEP status. Athletic trainers employed within this arena should insure accurate information regarding an athletic training major/minor is noted in college/university literature.

Anyone graduating after January 1, 2004, to be eligible for licensure must be a graduate of an athletic training curriculum approved by CAAHEP.

Reminder to Employers and Athletic Trainers

An individual may NOT accept employment nor sign a contract for an athletic trainer position until they receive an Ohio athletic trainer license. Furthermore, an individual may NOT refer to himself or herself as an athletic trainer, ATC, or document in any way that they are an athletic trainer or ATC until they have been issued an Ohio athletic trainers license. Teaching athletic

training courses at an institution which offers CAAHEP accredited programs also constitutes the practice of athletic training. If an individual is found practicing as an athletic trainer without an Ohio license, their application for licensure may be DENIED by the Athletic Trainers Section, and may be subject to an administrative hearing pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code. Please be aware that there is NO grace period from the time an application is submitted to the date an Ohio license is issued. Please refer to Sections 4755.60 (A) and 4755.62 (A) of the Ohio Revised Code and Rule 4755-42-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code for further clarification.

Enforcement Actions

(From May 10, 2002 through July 7, 2003)

Consent Agreements

Douglas Bush
Randy Buss
Tanya Cordial
Gail Evans
Thomas Iannetta
Casey Kirk
Aaron Schreiner
Brent Walters

License Suspended

Cathlene Ventresca

License Revoked

Jodi Beckstedt
Robin Judd

You must submit a public records request to the Enforcement Division, via letter or facsimile, to obtain additional information regarding the above actions. Please address the request to: The OT PT AT Board, Attention Enforcement Division, 77 South High Street, 16th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-6108. You may also send your request by facsimile to 614-995-0816.

Expired Licenses

If your name appears on this list, and you wish to practice athletic training in Ohio, you **MUST** contact the Board office immediately! You may **NOT** practice athletic training or represent yourself as an athletic trainer. You are **NOT** an athletic trainer in the state of Ohio unless you have a current license.

Kristen Ackner	Mark Reep
Jennifer Beer	Crystal Rice
Rebecca Bevier	Christopher Rocco
Todd Brown	Heidi Romanoski
Steven Cholak	John Ross
Nathan Clark	Keith Rupp
Carrie Copeland	Angela Ryan
Michael Dee	Katherine Sapp
Sarah Gheen	David Saunders
Amy Gulas	Theresa Saunders
Robert Hirschelman	Jennifer Schiff
Kelli Horstman	Amy Schwarz
Paul John	Greg Sier
Megan Kennedy	Bobbie Shekleton
Janelle Kratz	Perry Siegel
Amanda Kuehnle	Tina Small
Mark MacAleese	Jeffrey Smell
Tammy Madison	Debra Sovich
Deborah Marcus	Thomas Stadler
Valerie Martens	Katherine Stephens
Jacqueline Matuszak	Joshua Striet
Jennifer McCrae	Krista Stum
Thomas McLoughlin	Kathleen Swartz
David McMurtry	Ashley Sweeney
Joseph McSwords	Masayasu Takaiwa
Eric McVey	Denette Thames
Christina Merckx	Joshua Thompson
Candace Messerly	Scott Thompson
Tracy Meszaros	Garrett Timms
Preston Milburn	Tamar Tinker
Jason Miller	Kelly Tong
Jennifer Miller	Marjorie Topoleski
Michael Miller	Matthew Toth
Victor Miller	Talia Trapuzzano
Kimberly Mundson	Drew Van Dam
Anita Murray	Alex Villanueva
Anthony Music	Michael Vogt
Steven Nagy	Shelly Walrad
Richard Newman	Jill Webb
Stephen Nickell	Jennifer Weiss
Nina Nigrovic	Gerald Wessels
Stephen Nordwall	Joshua White
Debbie O'Dee	Leslie Williams
Anna Owsley	Jeffrey Wimer
Holly Pella	Mary Beth Winterhalter
Jane Pepera	Deanna Womack
Gary Phillips	Stephen Woof
Robert Pierson	Natalie Wray
Jody Prenger	Anthony Zaworski
Renee Quallen	Donald Zierolf
Jennifer Ratcliff	

Board Staff

The Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainers Board is responsible for regulating and licensing Ohio's occupational and physical therapy practitioners and athletic trainers. When you contact the Board office, our highly dedicated and competent staff will assist you.

Lisa Foor, MSA
Enforcement Division Supervisor

Kimberly Stein and Amanda Ware
Investigators

Stephanie Youst
Executive Secretary

Gina Longstreth
Administrative Assistant

Mary Jane Langlois, Diane Moore and
Thanh "Mai" N. Vo
Certification Licensing Examiners

Please contact any staff person for assistance at
800-871-1921 or (614) 466-3774.

License Renewal 2003

For those of you whose last names begin with the letters A-L, please remember to renew your licenses prior to **December 31, 2003!** Your license does not expire until May 15, 2004; however, your renewals will be mailed to you in October, 2003 and are due no later than December 31, 2003. **Any continuing education for those licenses expiring May 15, 2004 must have been accrued between May 15, 2002 and May 15, 2004. Athletic Trainers are required to earn 60 hours every renewal cycle to maintain their Ohio license.**

It is important to remember to change your home and business addresses with the Board office. This will ensure that you will continue to receive the latest information regarding your renewal.

Correspondence Regarding Athletic Training Practice Questions

Professional concerns regarding the practice of athletic training should be forwarded to the Section in writing.

Please be sure to read the Athletic Training Practice Act, meeting minutes, and prior newsletters before forwarding any correspondence to the Athletic Trainers Section. This information is available on our website at www.state.oh.us/pyt.

Correspondence must be received at least 5 days before our regularly scheduled Section meetings.

License Verification

The cost of verifying your license to another state board is \$25.00. You can save time by forwarding a cashier's check or money order (no personal checks please) to the Board office with your request. The check or money order must be made payable to the "Treasurer, State of Ohio".

Please be sure to enclose the appropriate forms to facilitate processing. Requests should be forwarded to the Board office at 77 South High Street, 16th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-6108. Processing takes approximately three weeks.

Complaints

If you wish to file a complaint, please write to:

The Athletic Trainers Investigative Committee
77 South High, 16th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6108

You must include your name, address and telephone number. The Investigative Committee cannot respond to anonymous complaints. Your complaint will be held in confidence and your cooperation is valued.

Please visit the Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainers Board website at www.state.oh.us/pyt. The office staff has made numerous revisions to the website, including the addition of the most current copies of the practice acts (*laws and rules*) for all three Sections, applications, meeting minutes, new links and recent newsletters. Please use the website to obtain the following information: name/address change requests, duplicate wall certificate/pocket identification card requests, continuing education approval forms, application requests and meeting dates and locations.

Spot Checks

To assure consumer protection, the enforcement staff conducts random/unannounced inspections of athletic training personnel. These visits are a proactive approach to affirm compliance with Ohio laws and rules and include, but are not limited to: verifying the credentials of athletic training personnel, reviewing patient documentation of athletic training services, verifying proper supervision of unlicensed support personnel and checking the display of wall certificates. Spot check information is reviewed by the Athletic Trainers Investigative Committee each month and a follow-up letter is sent to the licensee. The Committee clarifies any misinterpretation of the law, and makes necessary recommendations for change.

Are You In Violation of the Athletic Training Law?

It is your responsibility to provide the Athletic Trainers Section with changes regarding mailing address, name and/or employment address. Rule 4755-44-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code states, "*Notice of change of name; place of employment; address. A licensee shall notify the athletic trainers section in writing of any change of name, place of employment or mailing address within thirty days after the change.*" Please contact the Board office to update your personal information in a timely manner.