

ATHLETIC TRAINING PERSPECTIVE

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From The Chairperson

Mark Doughty, Athletic Trainers Section Chair

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.

Pay special attention to the NEW EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS to qualify for a license. Please forward this information to current and prospective students!

We had a unique opportunity to enshrine a piece of our recent history in the Hall of Fame. At the Ohio Athletic Trainers Association (OATA) Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet on May 3rd, License #1, which was issued to Robert Livengood in June of 1991, was retired and returned to Mr. Livengood in honor of the work his committee did to draft and present the initial licensure language. Mr. Livengood donated the framed license to the OATA Hall of Fame!

Senate Bill 249, which is a joint venture by all three Sections of the Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainers Board, is summarized for you in this issue. The legislation is currently pending in the Senate.

The standard operating procedures between athletic trainers and team physicians is currently being reviewed for compliance and consistency. Please work very closely with your team physicians to establish protocols. Ohio's Athletic Trainer licensure law

continues to be one of the best and broadest. Help us protect and preserve our place in dealing with the physically active by reporting unlawful practice. *Please remember that the Athletic Trainers Section is charged with protecting the **public's** health, safety, and welfare.*

I would again like to extend an invitation to any licensee to attend a Section meeting to gain a better understanding of how the regulation and licensing process works. Please contact the Board office to verify meeting times and locations if you wish to attend.

The Athletic Trainers Section will continue to strive to keep licensees informed of the latest practice information. You, as licensees, need to do your part to stay abreast of the current Athletic Training Practice Act and any changes that are made affecting the practice of athletic training.

Meeting Schedule for 2002

August 1, 2002
September 12, 2002
October 17, 2002
November 20, 2002
December – No Meeting

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainers Board is currently in the midst of many exciting ventures. Our web-site has been updated to include many new features. Our meeting minutes are now on line and include archived minutes dating back to January of 2001. Our applications are now on line and include, initial, examination, and reinstatement applications, which can be down loaded, printed, completed, and returned to the Board office for processing. Hopefully these initiatives will save you a tremendous amount of time. Please remember to read each application and the accompanying instructions carefully to facilitate better processing.

For the first time each of the Sections of the Board have come together to introduce legislation to update and make revisions to each of the Board's practice acts.

The bill will clarify each Section's enforcement powers; revise each Section's biennial renewal procedures via rule; adopt language which will allow each Section to approach a court for summary suspension when there is reason to believe that a licensee poses an immediate threat to the public health, safety and welfare; adopt cost recovery provisions as an alternative disciplinary remedy for persons who have been disciplined for violating the law; and adopt educational standards which comply with recent changes at the state and national levels.

The Athletic Trainer's Section has proposed the following changes:

Changes to Chapter 4755.61 of the Ohio Revised Code will:

- Clarify that the Athletic Trainers Section jurisdiction includes Section 4755.60 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- Allow the Athletic Trainers Section to adopt rules regarding continuing education.

Changes to Chapter 4755.62 of the Ohio Revised Code will:

- Establish a prohibition against persons from implying or claiming by words, actions or letters that they are able to provide athletic training services.
- Establish a prohibition against educational institutions conveying the impression that they are providing athletic training, unless an individual licensed as an athletic trainer is providing the service.
- Clarify the athletic training residency requirement.
- Allow the Athletic Trainers Section to establish educational requirements by rule.
- Delete the 800-hour requirement for supervised clinical experience.

Changes to Chapter 4755.63 of the Ohio Revised Code will:

- Delete the specifics of the athletic training renewal process.
- Will allow the board to establish these procedures by rule.
- Allow the Athletic Trainers Section to establish continuing education reporting requirements by rule.

Changes to Chapter 4755.64 of the Ohio Revised Code will:

- Allow the Athletic Trainers Section the ability to fine licensees as a part of its disciplinary process.
- Establish a "Clear and Immediate Danger" provision which will allow the Athletic Trainers Section to approach a court for immediate relief when there is reason to believe that a licensee poses a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare.

Changes to Chapter 4755.65 of the Ohio Revised Code will:

- Delete the 90 day non-resident requirement for athletic trainers.
- Establish provisions for out of state athletic trainers who are traveling with visiting teams to provide athletic training services for a short duration while in Ohio.

The following provisions will effect the entire OT PT AT Board:

Changes to Chapter 4755.04 of the Ohio Revised Code will:

- Allow the Board to initiate its own complaints.
- Clarify the Board's ability to subpoena documents.
- Clarify the Board's enforcement jurisdiction to include all of Chapter 4755 instead of specific sections.
- Clarify the role of the Board's investigators to include the right to review, audit and obtain copies of patient records, personnel files, and documents.
- Establish a cost recovery provision for persons who are sanctioned to pay for the actual cost of a disciplinary hearing.

You can download a copy of Senate Bill 249 from the 124th General Assembly by logging on to: <http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/>

After you reach this site, simply click on Senate and type in 249. You will be able to print off the bill in its entirety. If you have any questions please give us a call. We appreciate your support and thank you for reviewing our newsletter.

Sincerely,

Carl G. Williams
CARL G. WILLIAMS, M.P.A.
Executive Director

Standard Operating Procedures

Ohio athletic trainers should have written daily operating procedures that outline the policies and procedures to be followed within an athletic training environment.

Athletic trainers work in varied settings, such as clinics, hospitals, schools and universities. It is common practice for hospitals and clinics to have formal organizational policies and procedures directing operations. However, it is not common

to have written policies and procedures established in most other settings.

It is the professional responsibility of every athletic trainer to have written policies and procedures. Athletic trainers are encouraged to review current policies and procedures with their employers to determine if the existing policies are within the scope of athletic training practice.

If no athletic training policies and procedures exist, please establish them and put them in writing. Standard operating policies and procedures should be reviewed and approved by team physicians or an organization's medical director.

The Athletic Trainers Section does not have any specific requirements with regards content. However, the Athletic Trainers Section does advocate that each athletic trainer have written policies and procedures to guide the day-to-day operations of athletic training care.

Role of the Athletic Trainers Section

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

The Ohio Athletic Trainers Association and National Athletic Trainers Association are **NOT** affiliated with the Athletic Trainers Section.

Important Educational Changes

With the onset of the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) approval as the new standard for educational requirements, there has been a significant change in the rules covering the practice of athletic training. These changes became effective July 1, 2002. These changes apply to everyone graduating after July 1, 2002 and are of particular importance to program/curriculum directors; however, all athletic trainers should be aware of these new standards.

4755-43-04 Education

(Ohio Administrative Code)

(B) Anyone graduating after July 1, 2002 to be eligible for licensure as an athletic trainer, an applicant must show to the satisfaction of the athletic trainers section, completion of an approved curriculum in athletic training that includes, at a minimum thirty-six (36) semester hours or fifty (50) quarter hours or the equivalent that includes formal coursework in each of the following areas :

- (1) Prevention of athletic injuries/illnesses
- (2) Evaluation of athletic injuries/illnesses
- (3) First aid and emergency care
- (4) Therapeutic modalities
- (5) Therapeutic exercises/rehabilitation of athletic injuries
- (6) Administration of athletic training programs
- (7) Human anatomy
- (8) Human physiology
- (9) Exercise physiology
- (10) Kinesiology/biomechanics
- (11) Nutrition

(12) Psychology

(13) Personal/community health

In addition to the above coursework, a minimum of eight hundred (800) hours of clinical experience supervised by a certified/licensed athletic trainer must be completed over a minimum of a two-year period.

(C) Anyone graduating after January 1, 2004, to be eligible for licensure must be a graduate of an athletic training curriculum approved by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

While passing the NATA BOC examination is also required, Ohio has very specific education (formal coursework) requirements that must also be met in order to be eligible to obtain a license. Passing the NATA BOC examination is **NOT** a substitute for any of the coursework requirements.

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 an accredited Athletic Training Program 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.

The Athletic Trainers Section strictly adheres to its coursework requirements. These requirements are a measure of continuity to ensure that individuals holding a current Ohio athletic training license have successfully completed a curriculum, whole or composite, to distinguish them from other professions, in spite of the similarities.

When CAAHEP requirements take full effect in 2004, Ohio will adjust the educational requirements accordingly.

For additional information, including a current copy of the Ohio Athletic Trainers Practice Act, please consult the Board's website at: <http://www.state.oh.us/pyt>.

Athletic Training Course Approval

The Athletic Trainers Section does not pre-approve educational course work prior to submitting an application for licensure. As part of the application process, the Section reviews official transcripts to determine if licensure applicants fulfill educational requirements for Ohio licensure.

The Section does, however, review programs that are being offered for continuing education. Educational providers can view and download the application for continuing education approval by logging onto the Board web site at www.state.oh.us/pyt.

Need a Mailing List or Address Labels of Licensees?

The Board office cannot provide the public with requests for mailing lists of licensees or with labels. Please contact the Department of Administrative Services (DAS):

614-752-2222 or 888-322-7878
Choose option 5, then option 1

DAS would prefer that they receive requests via facsimile at 614-728-5253.

You will need to provide DAS with your name, the company's name, address, telephone and facsimile numbers. Please make sure you specifically advise DAS regarding the nature of your order. For example, "*a mailing list of athletic trainers with the OT, PT, & AT Board*". If you do not provide the specific county or zip code that you would like the information from, you will have to pay for the information from the entire state of Ohio.

DAS will fax back a cost estimate within 48 hours. Once DAS receives payment for the order, they will process the order. It takes DAS approximately one to two weeks from the date of payment to process orders. The normal method of shipping is via regular mail. However, customers can pay to have their orders shipped via FedEx or UPS.

Enforcement Actions

(From August 1, 2001 through May 9, 2002)

Consent Agreements

Julie Barton
Brian Bauer
John Bowman
Jeffery Bright
Jenifer Dackermann
Shannon Gordon
Fiona Hanks
Christopher Jones
John Seabolt
Christopher Tucker

License Revoked

Paul Whitlock

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

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.

Darla Amos	Jennifer Harpest
Nikki Arnold	Annmarie Hipsley
Denise Barr	Brian Huck
Jason Barrett	James Hurley
Robin Bartholomew	Shauna Jackson
Karen Beamish	Jay Johnston
Scott Beatty	Jason Kearns
Lisa Berner	Philip Keister
Scott Bickley	Susan Kennon
Ryan Boyer	Christine Klawes
Gary Briggs	Anthony Kolter
William Brown	Kimberly Kreidler
Jennifer Busse	Lorri Lankiewicz
Kathie Butz	Jennifer Laurent
Ulysses Byas	Robert Loll
Samantha Callis	Matthew McVicker
Charles Castricone	Jacob Morrow
Daniel Clouse	Cayce Onks
Robert Cochrane, Jr.	Heather Pore
Tanya Cordial	Jaclyn Russin
Richard Crowther	Amy Vincent
Cecelia Dietrick	
Richard Dine	
Dana Dober	
Derek Dodenhoff	
Wendy Echemann-Blosser	
William Ewald	
Abigail Feldhaus	
Timothy Ferren	
Dwight Fertig II	
Carey Fike	
Rodger Fleming	
Daniel Fox	
Garry Garrison	
Leo Godlewski	
Jerry Gregory, Jr.	
Janet Grissinger	
Heather Gulgin	
Larry Gulling	
Heidi Hamburger Bjornes	
Seth Hansen	
Chris Harman	

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.

The Board's staff consists of nine employees:

Carl G. Williams, MPA
Executive Director

Lisa Foor, MSA
Enforcement Division Supervisor

Kimberly Stein and Amanda Ware
Investigators

Stephanie Youst
Executive Secretary

Mary Jo Tilton
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.

Board Website

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.

Employer Verification

If you employ athletic trainers, it is not only important to verify current licensure, but also to ensure that the licensee has not had disciplinary action taken against his/her license. Disciplinary actions are public record and may be accessed in two ways.

1) You may visit our agency website at www.state.oh.us/pyt and choose the "license verification" tab. Enter the name of the athletic trainer you would like to check and look at the results under the "disciplinary action" section. If there has been no disciplinary action, it will be listed as "none". If disciplinary action has been taken, you will be instructed to contact the Board office. You must submit a public records request to the Enforcement Division, in writing, in order to obtain additional information.

2) Another way to obtain information regarding disciplinary action is to have your employees perform a "self-query" through the Federal Department of Health and Human Services' Healthcare Integrity Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) and provide you with the results. The "self-query" can be performed by accessing the HIPDB website at www.npdb-hipdb.com/queryat.html.

License Renewal 2003

For those of you whose last names begin with the letters M-Z, please remember to renew your licenses prior to **December 31, 2002!** Your license does not expire until May 15, 2003; however, your renewals are due no later than the end of December. Also, it is important to remember to change your home and business addresses with the Board office so you will continue to receive the latest information regarding your renewal.

Please contact Stephanie Youst via email at stephanie.youst@otptat.state.oh.us or by phone at 800-871-1921 ext. 55323 if you have any questions concerning your upcoming renewal.

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.

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.

Did You Know

That as of July 19, 2002, the Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainers Board has 16,879 licensed professionals.

OT's - 3,537
OTA's - 2,063
PT's - 5,881
PTA's - 3,928
AT's - 1,470

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.

Have you had an address change, name change or employment change?

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.

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