

CONSTITUTION OF THE ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA, INC.
(ATAF)

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be The Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida (hereafter, designated ATAF).

Article II - Objectives

The Objectives of this association shall be:

1. In service for and support of the athletic trainers within Florida, ATAF advocates for the profession and the role of athletic trainers as members of the healthcare community.
2. To advancement of our profession, ATAF is committed to advocacy through education, community engagement, legislative efforts, and professional development dedicating financial support and leadership.
3. To further develop the knowledge and abilities of each member in evidence-based practice to enhance patient-centered care.
4. To better serve the common interests of its members by providing a means for exchange of ideas within the profession.
5. To promote a multidisciplinary healthcare model of patient-centered care to advance the profession.

Article III - Membership

Section 1 - Membership in ATAF shall be consistent with those of the National Athletic Trainers' Association, Inc. (NATA) (e.g., Certified, Certified-Retired, Other). Membership in ATAF requires residency or primary practice in Florida. No individual shall be eligible for more than one (1) class of membership at any one time.

Section 2 - Membership in ATAF will correspond with the selected NATA membership.

Section 3 - Nominations for Honorary membership in ATAF should be submitted in writing by an active ATAF member including reasons for the honor. The request will be considered by the Executive Board for final approval. Dues are not required for Honorary membership.

Section 4 - Membership dues for ATAF are included in the payment of NATA and District dues.

Section 5 - Each certified member of ATAF shall be entitled to one (1) vote on any matter coming before the members.

Article IV - Suspension of Membership

Section 1 - Membership suspension for cause may be recommended by any ATAF member to ATAF's Executive Board for submission to the NATA.

Section 2 - Membership suspension shall be automatic for non-payment of NATA dues.

Section 3 - Members must comply with the NATA Code of Ethics and NATA's Membership Standards, Eligibility Requirements, and Membership Sanctions and Procedures.

Article - V – Organization

Section 1 - The governing body of this organization shall be the Executive Board of ATAF.

Section 2 – The Executive Board of ATAF shall consist of the following members: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, six (6) regional representatives, and a Parliamentarian. All members of the Executive Board have voting privileges with the exception of the President and the Parliamentarian. The President votes only when necessary to break a tie. The Parliamentarian does not have a vote. A President-elect may attend all Executive Board activities, but does not carry a vote. Committee Chairs of both standing and non-standing committees may attend ATAF Executive Board meetings, but carry no vote. A quorum shall be considered five (5) of the voting members of ATAF's Executive Board. All members of ATAF's Executive Board must be current NATA, SEATA, and ATAF members, BOC Certified, and maintain an active Florida athletic training license.

Section 3 - The election of ATAF Executive Board officers and terms of office shall be as follows: the Nominations Chairperson appointed by the President. A list of nominees shall be presented to the membership in the Fall, via applicable computer technology of an election year for voting. The nominees must be current NATA, SEATA, and ATAF members, BOC Certified, and maintain an active Florida athletic training license. Election shall be by popular majority of valid votes received from the voting membership of ATAF. The By-laws of ATAF shall further detail the procedure by which eligibility for and elections to office shall be affected.

Article VI - Powers and Duties of Officers.

Section 1 - The officers of ATAF are the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2 - All powers and duties of officers are specified in ATAF's By-laws.

Article VII - Committees

Committees or other support groups (referred to hereafter as Committees) may be established and dissolved at the discretion of ATAF's Executive Board.

Article VIII - Meetings

Section 1 - The Annual Clinical Symposium and Members Meeting for ATAF will be held each year, at a time and site determined by the ATAF Executive Board.

Section 1.1. The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint a Symposium Oversight Committee and an Education Committee to prepare all aspects of the annual meeting.

Article IX - Amendments to the Constitution

Section 1 - All proposed amendments to this constitution shall be submitted in writing to ATAF's Secretary allowing six (6) weeks for ATAF's Executive Board to act on the proposed amendment. Proposed amendments will be distributed electronically to ATAF's Executive Board for review and final approval for presentation to the membership. The Secretary for ATAF will distribute copies of the amendment via appropriate electronic means to all voting members at least three (3) weeks prior to the start of the amendment voting process.

Section 2 - Any proposed amendment to this constitution which has been properly submitted, must have two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of valid votes received from the voting membership of ATAF. Changes will take effect upon completion of voting.

Article X - Amendments to the By-laws.

Section 1 - All proposed change(s) to ATAF's By-laws shall be submitted in writing to ATAF's Secretary allowing six (6) weeks for ATAF's Executive Board to act on the proposed change(s). Proposed change(s) will be distributed electronically to ATAF's Executive Board for review and final approval for presentation to the membership. The Secretary for ATAF will distribute copies of the change(s) via appropriate electronic means to all voting members at least three (3) weeks prior to the start of the voting process.

Section 2 - Any proposed change to ATAF's By-laws which has been properly submitted, must have two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of valid votes received from the voting membership of ATAF. Changes will take effect upon completion of voting.