

**CONSTITUTION OF THE
ARIZONA ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Article I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the ARIZONA ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, Inc., ("AzATA" or "the Association"). It shall encompass the geographic area of the State of Arizona.

Article II. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose and objectives of the association shall be

- Section 1 The enhancement of the health care of the athletic population.
- Section 2 Dissemination of athletic health care information to athletic trainers, athletic administrators, coaches, athletes, allied health care professionals, parents and the general public.
- Section 3 Promotion and advancement of the discipline of athletic training throughout the State of Arizona.
- Section 4 Promotion and facilitation of the professional growth and advancement of individual members of the Association.

Article III. MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1 There shall be five classes of membership as outlined below. An individual shall not be eligible for more than one (1) class of membership at one time. The classes are:
 - 1) Certified: Regular and Student
 - 2) Retired Certified
 - 3) Associate
 - 4) Student: Undergraduate and Graduate
 - 5) Honorary
- Section 2 Each voting member shall have the right to vote in all elections and other business matters of the association, and the duty to advance the interests and support of the Constitution of the Association.
- Section 3 Each voting member (must) shall be an athletic trainer certified by the Board of Certification (BOC) for Athletic Training in good standing, a member granted retired status by the BOC, or be currently licensed by the Arizona Board of Athletic Training (ABAT)

Article IV. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1 An applicant for any classification of membership shall be a member in good standing with the NATA and or the RMATA, be current with their dues payment to those associations, and accept as binding the Constitution and By-Laws of the Arizona Athletic Trainers Association.

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Section 2 A person who is not a member of the NATA or the RMATA, but who is licensed by ABAT and who agrees to accept as binding the Constitution and By Laws of the AzATA, may also apply for and become a member of the AzATA, such membership conditioned upon maintaining said license in good standing.

Article V. DUES

Rules governing payment of dues shall be established by the By-Laws of the Association.

Article VI. SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Procedures for suspension and termination of membership shall be established by the By-Laws of the Association. Such procedures shall incorporate principles of due process and fundamental fairness, and include provisions for appeal.

Section 2 Nonpayment of dues shall constitute grounds for suspension or termination of membership.

Section 3 Final determination of suspension or termination of voting membership, and appeal there from, shall rest with the voting members of the Association.

Article VII. VOTING PRIVILEGES

Each certified member shall be entitled to one (1) vote on all questions submitted for a vote of the membership.

Article VIII. ORGANIZATION

Section 1 The governing body of the Association shall be the Board of Directors. The President, Vice President, Secretary, and four At-Large Representatives shall constitute the membership of the Board. The powers, duties and methods of operation of the Board and its members shall be established by the By-Laws of the association.

Section 2 The elected officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and four At-Large Representatives.

(a) Each elected officer must have been an athletic trainer certified by the NATA for two years immediately prior to nomination, and must have resided or been professionally employed in the State of Arizona for one year immediately prior to nomination.

(b) Terms of office of elected officers shall be three years and shall run concurrently.

(c) Procedures for nomination and election of officers, and commencement of their terms, shall be established by the By-Laws of the association. Election shall be by written or electronic mail ballot.

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- (d) No person shall be elected to serve more than two consecutive terms of the same office.

Section 3 Appointed Treasurer

- (a) There shall be a treasurer of the association who shall be nominated by the president and approved by the Board of Directors.
- (b) The term of office of the treasurer shall be one year which may be renewed without limitation by nomination of the president and approval by the Board.

Section 4 Removal from office.

- (a) Removal from elected office shall be by impeachment and conviction. The grounds shall be embezzlement, malfeasance in office, or actions contrary to the interests of the Association or in violation of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association.
- (b) Procedures for impeachment and conviction shall be established by the By-Laws of the Association and shall incorporate principles of due process and fundamental fairness. Conviction shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of voting members in attendance at a meeting of the Association. The vote shall be by written secret ballot.

Article IX. COMMITTEES

Section 1 The Board of Directors shall be empowered to establish Committees of the Association. Rule governing Committees shall be established by the By-Laws of the Association.

Section 2 The Board shall not delegate to a Committee the final responsibility for making binding agreements, expending funds, or taking any final action on behalf of the Association.

Article X. MEETINGS

Section 1 Rules governing meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors shall be established by the By-Laws of the Association. Such rules shall include reasonable notice and provision for an annual and semi-annual meeting of both the Association and of the Board.

Section 2 At meetings of the Association, attendance by twenty (20) percent of the voting membership shall be required for a quorum.

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Article XI. RESOLUTION OF GRIEVANCES

- Section 1 Any grievance of any member of the Association toward the Association or the Board of Directors shall be resolved only by arbitration proceedings, the results of which shall be final and binding.
- (a) The arbitrators need not be voting members of the Association.
 - (b) A grievance may only be presented with respect to a final action of the Board or the Association. In cases of suspension or termination of membership, a grievance will lie only after an appeal has been made in accordance with the By-Laws and resolved against the interests of the member.
 - (c) There shall not be any right of grievance relating to removal from elected office by impeachment and conviction.
 - (d) Rules and procedures pertaining to arbitration of grievances shall be established by the By-Laws of the Association, shall be designed to assure expedience and minimize the expense of arbitration proceedings, and shall incorporate principles of due process and fundamental fairness.

Article XII. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- Section 1 All proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted, in writing, to the President and Secretary at least forty-five (45) days prior to a meeting of the Association. The proposal shall include reasons for the amendment.
- Section 2 The Secretary shall make available a copy of the proposed amendment to each of the voting members at least thirty (30) days prior to said meeting.
- Section 3 Each proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be read at the meeting.
- Section 4 Approval of any amendment shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the voting members in attendance at the meeting.

Article XIII. BY-LAWS

- Section 1 By-Laws of the Association shall be adopted by the Board of Directors with the approval of the voting members, and may be changed only by a simple majority vote of the members at a meeting of the Association.
- Section 2 Reasonable notice of the proposed changes shall be given to the members.
- Section 3 Procedures for making changes in the By-Laws shall be established by the By-Laws.