

**OHIO ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION
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ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

R05/01/94, 12/08/02, 12/08/02, 05/03/03, 05/01/04, 12/04/05, 05/06/10, 05/04/23

Membership application shall be submitted to Secretary (See Appendix A) or membership dues are paid through NATA dues/fee structure. The member is responsible for notifying the OATA secretary of any name and/or contact information change(s) within 30 days.

SECTION 01 Athletic Trainer

R05/06/10, 12/13/15

Those members who meet the standards set forth by the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board.

SECTION 02 Physician

F05/06/10, R12/13/15

Those members who are physicians (MD, DO, DC, DDS, DPM) who have an interest in advancing healthcare in concert with the OATA.

SECTION 03 Associate

R12/06/92, 05/02/98, 12/03/00, 12/07/03, 05/06/10, 12/13/15

Those members (18 years and older) who, by virtue of their profession, business, or occupation, have an interest in advancing healthcare. This includes other associate healthcare professionals, or volunteers who may work with injured persons.

SECTION 04 Retired

R04/29/90, 12/07/03

Those members who have retired from the active practice of athletic training.

SECTION 05 Athletic Training Student

F12/03/00, R12/07/03, 05/06/10, 12/13/15, 05/04/23

Those members who are unlicensed and are pursuing a course of study leading to a degree in athletic training in an accredited post-secondary educational program where activities and services constitute part of a supervised course of professional preparation.

SECTION 06 Honorary

R05/01/94, 12/07/03, 12/05/10.

Any person who, by virtue of his and her acts and speech, shows a profound interest in the advancement of the athletic training profession may be eligible for membership in this classification, including OATA Hall of Fame inductees who reside outside of Ohio. Nominations made by an Ohio Licensed Athletic Trainer member shall be directed to the Immediate Past President (See Appendix E).

ARTICLE II. DUES

R05/01/94, 05/04/23

SECTION 01 Membership Classification

R05/01/94, 12/03/00, 05/05/01, 05/06/10, 12/13/15, 05/04/23

Dues for the Athletic Trainer shall be \$85.00 annually. Dues for Physician and Associate members shall be \$20.00 annually. There will be no dues for Student, Honorary, or Retired members.

SECTION 02 Non-Payment

R05/01/94, 05/03/97, 12/03/06

All dues are to be postmarked no later than January 1. Failure of payment of dues by March 1 shall be cause for membership cancellation.

ARTICLE III. VOTING PRIVILEGES

R05/01/94, 05/03/03

SECTION 01 Athletic Trainer

R05/05/91, 12/06/09

An Athletic Trainer, licensed by the Ohio OTPTAT Board, shall have full voting privileges on items concerning the Ohio Athletic Trainers' Association, both issues and elections.

SECTION 02 Physician

F05/06/10

Physician members are not eligible to vote on either issues or elections.

SECTION 03 Associate

R12/07/03

Associate members are not eligible to vote on either issues or elections.

SECTION 04 Retired

F04/29/90, R12/07/03, 12/06/09

Retired members shall have full voting privileges. These privileges pertain both to issues and elections.

SECTION 05 Athletic Training Student

F12/03/00, R05/06/10, 12/13/15, 05/04/23

Members classified as Athletic Training Students are not eligible to vote on either issues or elections.

SECTION 06 Honorary

R12/07/03

Honorary members are not eligible to vote on either issues or elections.

ARTICLE IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R05/01/94, R05/07/11

SECTION 01 Qualifications

R05/01/94, 05/05/01, 04/28/05, 05/06/10, 05/07/11, 12/13/15

Individuals elected to officer positions must maintain primary residence and employment in the state of Ohio. Only Athletic Trainers licensed by the Ohio OTPTAT Board, in good standing, may be elected to positions on the Executive Committee. The GLATA Representative must be a Licensed Athletic Trainer by the Ohio OTPTAT Board, a BOC certified member, and an NATA certified member in good standing.

No member of the OATA Executive Committee may serve concurrently as a member of the Athletic Training Section of the Ohio OTPTAT Board.

SECTION 02 Duties and Responsibilities

R04/30/89, R05/06/10

The Executive Committee shall carry out the mandates and policies of the Ohio Athletic Trainers' Association as determined by the membership.

The Executive Committee has full power and complete authority to perform all acts and transact all business for and on behalf of the Ohio Athletic Trainers' Association within the provisions of these By-Laws.

The Executive Committee shall make a report to the membership at each meeting relating to the business of the Ohio Athletic Trainers' Association for the purposes of providing information, seeking opinion, and/or taking a vote.

Shall resign office within thirty (30) days if he/she no longer resides and works in the state of Ohio.

Shall return any property and/or materials of the Association upon leaving office.

All other duties and responsibilities are found in the OATA Operations Manual.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

R05/01/94, R05/07/11, R11/23/25

SECTION 01 President

R05/01/94, R12/05/97, R04/28/05, R05/06/10, R12/13/15

Selection: Automatically moves to this office from President-Elect.

Membership: Current OATA member; Athletic Trainer licensed by the Ohio OTPTAT Board, member in good standing.

Term: Two (2) years. May not serve consecutive terms. Shall resign office within thirty (30) days and return any property of the Association if he/she no longer resides and works in the state of Ohio.

SECTION 02 President-Elect

R12/05/97, R04/28/05, R05/06/10, R12/13/15

Selection: Elected by eligible voting membership

Membership: Current OATA member; Athletic Trainer licensed by the Ohio OTPTAT Board, member in good standing.

Term: Two (2) years. May not serve consecutive terms. Shall resign office within thirty (30) days and return any property of the Association if he/she no longer resides and works in the state of Ohio.

SECTION 03 Vice President

R05/05/91, R05/05/01, R05/04/02, R04/28/05, R05/07/11, R12/13/15, R5/17/25

Selection: Elected by eligible voting membership.

Membership: Current OATA member; Athletic Trainer licensed by the Ohio OTPTAT Board, member in good standing.

Term: Two (2) years. May serve more than one term, but not more than two (2) terms consecutively. Shall resign office within thirty (30) days and return any property of the Association if he/she no longer resides and works in the state of Ohio.

SECTION 04 Secretary

R05/05/01, R04/28/05, R05/06/10, R12/13/15

Selection: Elected by eligible voting membership.

Membership: Current OATA member; Athletic Trainer licensed by the Ohio OTPTAT Board, member in good standing.

Term: Two (2) years. May serve more than one term consecutively. Shall resign office within thirty (30) days and return any property of the Association if he/she no longer resides and works in the state of Ohio.

SECTION 05 Treasurer

R05/05/01, R04/28/05, R05/06/10, R12/13/15

Selection: Elected by eligible voting membership.

Membership: Current OATA member; Athletic Trainer licensed by the Ohio OTPTAT Board, member in good standing.

Term: Two (2) years. May serve more than one term consecutively. Shall resign office within thirty (30) days and return any property of the Association if he/she no longer resides and works in the state of Ohio.

SECTION 06 Chair of the District Board

R05/05/01, 04/28/05, 12/13/15

Selection: Elected by a majority vote of the members of the District Board [and is a voting member of the Executive Committee.](#)

Membership: Current OATA member; Athletic Trainer licensed by the Ohio OTPTAT Board, member in good standing.

Term: Two (2) years. May not serve more than one term consecutively. Shall resign office within thirty (30) days and return any property of the Association if he/she no longer resides and works in the state of Ohio.

SECTION 07 GLATA Representative
F05/07/1, R12/13/15

Selection: Appointed by the President as a voting member of the Executive Committee with approval by the Executive Committee. Must have previously served in an association committee or elected position at the state, district, or GLATA level prior to appointment.

Membership: Current OATA member; Athletic Trainer licensed by the Ohio OTPTAT Board, a BOC certified member, and an NATA certified member in good standing.

Term: Serves a two year term and may serve more than one term but not more than two terms consecutively. Shall resign office within thirty (30) days and return any property of the Association if he/she no longer resides and works in the state of Ohio.

SECTION 08 Executive Director
F5/1/2025

Selection: Appointed by the Executive Committee to conduct the business of the association.

Term: Must be outlined in the contract between the association and the executive director

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ARTICLE VI. DISTRICT BOARD
R12/04/94

SECTION 01 Board Membership
R04/24/88, 05/03/96, 12/08/02, 05/04/06, 05/06/10, 12/13/15

Selection: Appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Membership: Current OATA member; Athletic Trainer licensed by the Ohio OTPTAT Board, member in good standing.

Terms: Two (2) years. May serve more than one term, but not more than two (2) terms consecutively, with the exceptions of the At-Large Representative and/or District Representative serving a district with less than ninety (90) members. These two exceptions may serve at the discretion of the President. Any appointment less than two (2) years does not constitute a full term.

Duties and Responsibilities: Specified in the OATA Operations Manual.

ARTICLE VII. ELECTIONS
R12/06/92, 04/23/99

SECTION 01 Nominating Committee
R12/03/06, 12/13/15

Committee shall be chaired by the President-Elect.

Committee shall be comprised of the District Board members.

SECTION 02 Election Process
F05/06/10, 5/16/25

Election for the office of the President-Elect and Secretary will occur in odd-numbered years and Vice President and Treasurer will occur in even-numbered years.

The election process is specified in the OATA Operations Manual.

SECTION 03 Change of Officers
F12/08/99

New officers will assume their duties and responsibilities at the conclusion of Old Business at the December Executive Committee meeting.

SECTION 04 Notification Process
R04/30/89, 12/08/99

The President-Elect prior to the December meeting shall notify all candidates for elected positions in writing of the outcome of the election.

ARTICLE VIII. STANDING COMMITTEES
R05/01/94, R05/02/03, 05/06/10, 12/13/15

Appointments are made by the President after reviewing Universal Interest Forms and/or receiving written, email, or verbal requests from the membership. The President shall review these committee appointments with the Executive Committee before actual appointments are made.

A designated officer of the Executive Committee shall serve as liaison for each of the established committees/subcommittees. [Chairs will be appointed to lead each committee.](#) Officers are governed by the established By-Laws for his/her selection, membership, term, and all other duties and responsibilities as outlined in Article V of the OATA By-Laws.

The structure and function of all OATA standing committees are specified in the OATA Operations Manual.

SECTION 01	Nominating Committee	R05/01/94
SECTION 02	Annual Meeting Planning Committee	R12/06/92, R05/05/22
SECTION 03	Legislation Committee	R05/01/94
SECTION 04	Ethics and Procedural Review Committee	R04/30/89, 12/05/04, 04/28/05
SECTION 05	Athletic Trainer of the Year Award Committee	R05/04/06
SECTION 06	Hall of Fame Committee	R05/04/06, 12/03/06
SECTION 07	Lifesaving Efforts Award Committee	R05/04/06, 05/05/22
SECTION 08	Honorary Membership Award Committee	

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Pres Elect and Secretary elections on Odd years and Treasurer and VP on Even years.

SECTION 09	Committee on Scholarships	R04/01/00, 05/04/06, 05/03/07
SECTION 10	Team Physician Award Committee	F12/03/00, 05/04/06
SECTION 11	Linda Weber Daniel Outstanding Mentor Award	F12/04/05, 05/04/06
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SECTION 26	Committee on Practice Advancement (COPA)	F12/02/12
SECTION 27	Professional Development Committee	F05/05/22

ARTICLE IX. LIAISON POSITIONS

R04/30/89, 12/03/06, 05/06/10, 05/04/23

Liaison positions are either directly appointed by the President or are assigned as a role of a particular standing committee. Details of each liaison position are specified in the OATA Operations Manual.

SECTION 01 Joint Advisory Committee on Sports Medicine of the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA), Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA), and OATA

ARTICLE X. OATA STUDENT SENATE

F05/10/12

SECTION 01 Membership

A student is defined as a current OATA member who is currently enrolled as a student in an accredited Athletic Training Program in Ohio.

SECTION 02 Senators/Representatives

The OATA SS will be comprised of twelve (12) voting members. These members include the two (2) Student Senators approved by the OATA Executive Committee to serve a two (2) year staggered term on the GLATA Student Senate as well as two (2) Representatives from each of the five (5) districts designated by the OATA SS. These ten (10) OATA SS Representatives will also be approved by the OATA Executive Committee to serve staggered terms. Each Student Senator will serve a two-year term on the OATA SS.

SECTION 03 Officers

The SS Executives will consist of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The 2nd year GLATA Representative will serve as the Chair of the OATA SS and the 1st year GLATA Representative will serve as the OATA SS Vice-Chair.

ARTICLE XI. FISCAL AND MEMBERSHIP YEAR

SECTION 01 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be January 1 through December 31 of each year.

SECTION 02 Membership Year

The membership year shall be January 1 through December 31 of each year.

ARTICLE XII. OATA OPERATIONS MANUAL

F05/06/10

The OATA Operations Manual has been established for the day to day running of the association.

SECTION 01 Duties, Responsibilities, Policy, and Procedure

R12/13/15

Details of member duties, responsibilities, policy, and procedure for the association are housed within this document.

SECTION 02 Changes

Changes to the OATA Operations Manual can be made with the approval of the specific responsible officer following review by the Executive Committee.

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