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SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section

435:25-1-1. Purpose

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The rules in this chapter provide general requirements for applicants as athletic trainers/apprentice athletic trainers and regulation of practice.

435:25-1-2. Definitions

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The following words and terms, when used in this Chapter, shall have the following meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Apprentice Athletic Trainer" means a person who is putting in clock hours toward becoming a licensed Athletic Trainer.

"Athlete" means a person who engages in physical activity or is physically active.

"Direct supervision" means on-site, personal supervision. The supervisor will delineate specific tasks and duties to be performed. Supervisee will not perform duties or tasks for which he/she is not trained.

"General supervision" means responsible supervision and control. The supervisor is regularly and routinely on site to provide supervision. When not on site, the supervisor is available physically or through direct telecommunication for consultation.

"National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc., or its successor organization" means, herein referred to as "BOC", the national certifying body for the profession of Athletic Training.

"Physical activity" means activity that consists of athletic, recreational or occupational activities that require physical skills and utilize strength, power, endurance, speed, flexibility, range of motion or agility.

"Physically active" means individuals that engage in athletic, recreational or occupational activities that require physical skills and utilize strength, power, endurance, speed, flexibility, range of motion or agility.

"Poses a reasonable threat" means the nature of criminal conduct for which the person was convicted involved an act or threat of harm against another and has a bearing on the fitness or

ability to serve the public or work with others in the occupation.

"Substantially relates" means the nature of criminal conduct for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on the fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or responsibilities necessarily related to the occupation

SUBCHAPTER 3. LICENSURE OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS

Section

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435:25-3-1. Licensure by examination

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Requirements for Athletic Trainer licensure by examination are as follows:

- (1) **Statutory requirements.** All applicants for licensure by examination must meet the statutory requirements set forth in the Oklahoma Athletic Trainers Act, hereinafter referred to as Act.
- (2) **Required examination.** The State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, hereinafter referred to as Board, recognizes and adopts the Certification Examination of BOC as the examination required for licensure of an Athletic Trainer.
- (3) **Proof of Certification.** Submission of documentation of certification as awarded by the BOC shall constitute satisfactory evidence of an applicant's educational qualifications for licensure. Applicants must have the documentation submitted to this Board through the Interstate Reporting Service.
- (4) **Team or consulting physician application and written protocol.** An Athletic Trainer's License shall only be issued by the Board upon application filed by both the Athletic Trainer-applicants and the team physician or consulting physician with a written protocol approved by said physician.

435:25-3-2. Licensure by endorsement

Requirements for Athletic Trainer licensure by endorsement are as follows:

- (1) **Statutory requirements.** Applicants for licensure by endorsement must meet all statutory requirements required of applicants for licensure by examination, as set forth in the Act.
- (2) **Examination standard; personal interview.** Any person who is currently licensed by examination as an athletic trainer in another state of the United States of America, the District of Columbia or Puerto Rico, is eligible for licensure by endorsement provided the written examination and grade standard were that of the BOC. Scores must be submitted through the Interstate Reporting Service or other recognized reporting service. If the applicant has not been employed as an athletic trainer during the year prior to application, such applicant may be requested to present herself/himself for a personal interview with the members of the Advisory Committee or the Board.
- (3) **Fees.** The application shall be accompanied by a fee as set in 435:1-1-7.

435:25-3-3. Duplicate licenses

Upon presentation of an affidavit and satisfactory proof that an Athletic Trainer's license has been lost, stolen or destroyed, the Secretary of the Board may issue a duplicate license upon the instruction of the Board. Such license shall carry the notation that it is a duplicate to replace the original license. A fee set by the Board will be collected.

SUBCHAPTER 5. REGULATION OF ATHLETIC TRAINER PRACTICE

Section

435:25-5-1. Supervision

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435:25-5-4. Documentation and use of drugs in practice

435:25-5-5. Disclosure of examination contents by licensee prohibited [REVOKED]

435:25-5-6. Code of ethics

435:25-5-1. Supervision

The work of the Athletic Trainer shall be done under the supervision of the team physician or consulting physician, although the physician need not be physically present at each activity of the athletic trainer nor be specifically consulted before each delegated task performed.

435:25-5-2. Initial licensure; renewal; reinstatement

(a) Initial licensure of an Athletic Trainer shall be for one year, shall be renewed annually, and shall require documentation of current good standing with the BOC.

(b) Athletic Trainers with licenses lapsed twelve months or less wishing to apply for reinstatement of licensure will be required to file an application on forms provided by the Board.

Athletic Trainers may be required to meet one or more of the following guidelines:

- (1) Personal appearance before the Advisory Committee;
- (2) Practice under the direct supervision of a licensed Athletic Trainer and/or licensed physician for up to ninety (90) days. The supervising Athletic Trainer and/or supervising Physician will provide to the Committee a report on the applicant's performance prior to licensure; or
- (3) Provide proof of current BOC certification.

(c) Athletic Trainers with licenses lapsed more than twelve months wishing to re-enter the practice of Athletic Trainer will be required to file a new application on forms provided by the Board. Athletic Trainers may be required to meet one or more of the following guidelines:

- (1) Personal appearance before the Advisory Committee;
- (2) Practice under the direct supervision of a licensed Athletic Trainer and/or licensed Physician for one month (at least 22 days) for each year the license was lapsed. The supervising Athletic Trainer and/or supervising Physician will provide to the Committee a report on the applicant's performance prior to licensure;
- (3) Provide proof of up to 25 continuing education units for each year the license was lapsed;
- (4) Provide proof of current good standing with the BOC; or
- (5) Retake and pass the-BOC examination or a Committee-determined equivalent thereof.

435:25-5-3. Renewal fee

The Athletic Trainer licensure renewal fee shall be as set in 435:1-1-7.

435:25-5-4. Documentation and use of drugs in practice

- (a) The athletic trainer under the supervision of a physician, shall document the specific condition/injury of the athlete being treated and indicate the non-drug treatment regimen being proposed; and,
- (b) If drugs are being considered, the athletic trainer shall not prescribe, but may administer or dispense onsite, any legend drug or scheduled drug excluding Schedule II and opiates, benzodiazepines or Carisporodol to be noted and signed by the supervising physician within 72 hours; and,
- (c) The athlete shall be directed/documented to make contact with the supervising physician or with their personal physician for follow up care.

435:25-5-5. Disclosure of examination contents by licensee prohibited [REVOKED]

435:25-5-6. Code of ethics

- (a) **Rights, welfare and dignity.** Licensees shall respect the rights, welfare and dignity of all individuals.
 - (1) Licensees shall not practice discrimination on the basis of race, creed, national origin, sex, age, handicap, disease entity, social status, financial status or religious affiliation.
 - (2) Licensees shall be committed to providing competent care consistent with both the requirements and the limitations of their profession.
 - (3) Licensees shall preserve the confidentiality of privileged information and shall not release such information to a third party not involved in the patient's care unless the person consents to such release or release is permitted or required by law.
- (b) **Compliance with laws and regulations.** Licensees shall comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of athletic training.
 - (1) Licensees shall comply with applicable local, state, and federal laws and institutional guidelines.
 - (2) Licensees shall not engage in the use of illegal drugs or other substances that impairs the ability to practice.
- (c) **Sound judgment.** Licensees shall accept responsibility for the exercise of sound judgment.
 - (1) Licensees shall not misrepresent in any manner, directly or indirectly, their skills, training, professional credentials, identity or services.
 - (2) Licensees shall provide only those services for which they are qualified via education and/or experience and by pertinent legal regulatory process.
 - (3) Licensees shall provide services, make referrals, and seek compensation only for those services that are necessary.
- (d) **High Standards.** Licensees shall maintain and promote high standards in the provision of services.
 - (1) Licensees shall recognize the need for continuing education and participate in various types of educational activities that enhance their skills and knowledge.
 - (2) Licensees who have the responsibility for employing and evaluating the performance of other staff members shall fulfill such responsibility in a fair, considerate, and equitable manner, on the basis of clearly enunciated criteria.
- (e) **Conflict of interest.** Licensees shall not engage in any form of conduct that constitutes a

conflict of interest or that adversely reflects on the profession.

- (1) The private conduct of the licensee is a personal matter to the same degree as is any other person's except when such conduct compromises the fulfillment of professional responsibilities.
- (2) Licensees shall not place financial gain above the welfare of the patient being treated and shall not participate in any arrangement that exploits the patient.

[Source: Add at 13 Ok Reg 1709, eff 5-25-96]

SUBCHAPTER 7. LICENSURE OF APPRENTICE ATHLETIC TRAINERS

Section

- 435:25-7-1. Definitions [REVOKED]
- 435:25-7-2. Supervision
- 435:25-7-3. Examination
- 435:25-7-4. Licensure fee
- 435:25-7-5. Renewal fee
- 435:25-7-6. Duplicate licenses

435:25-7-1. Definitions [REVOKED]

435:25-7-2. Supervision

An Apprentice Athletic Trainer is a person who assists in the duties usually performed by an athletic trainer under the direct supervision of a licensed athletic trainer.

435:25-7-3. Examination

The Board hereby waives any examination for licensure as an apprentice athletic trainer.

435:25-7-4. Licensure fee

The fee for licensure as an apprentice athletic trainer upon initial application shall be as set in 435:1-1-7.

435:25-7-5. Renewal fee

The annual renewal fee for licensure as an apprentice athletic trainer shall be as set in 435:1-1-7.

435:25-7-6. Duplicate licenses

Upon presentation of an affidavit and satisfactory proof that an Athletic Trainer's license has been lost, stolen or destroyed, the Secretary of the Board may issue a duplicate license upon the instruction of the Board. Such license shall carry the notation that it is a duplicate to replace the original license. A fee of 15.00 shall be collected.

SUBCHAPTER 9. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Section

- 435:25-9-1. Review of applications

435:25-9-2. Review of complaints

435:25-9-3. Compliance with Administrative Procedures Act

435:25-9-1. Review of applications

The Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee hereinafter referred to as Advisory Committee, will review all applications by individuals for licensure and submit recommendations to the Board for action.

435:25-9-2. Review of complaints

The Advisory Committee will review all complaints and/or investigations wherein there is a possible violation of the Act or the rules of the Board promulgated pursuant thereto and make recommendations to the Board for action.

435:25-9-3. Compliance with Administrative Procedures Act

The Advisory Committee shall follow all provisions of the Administrative Procedures act in conducting all official duties, including investigative hearings, licensure of applicants, etc.

SUBCHAPTER 11. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Section

435:25-11-1. Grounds for disciplinary action

435:25-11-2. Investigatory hearings [REVOKED]

435:25-11-1. Grounds for disciplinary action

The Board may reprimand or place on probation any holder of an Athletic Trainers License or Apprentice Athletic Trainers License or revoke or suspend any license issued to an Athletic Trainer or Apprentice Athletic Trainer who:

- (1) Has been convicted of a felony crime that substantially relates to the occupation of athletic trainers or poses a reasonable threat to the public safety or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;
- (2) Habitually uses intoxicating liquor or a habit-forming drug;
- (3) Secured the license by fraud or deceit;
- (4) Has been grossly negligent while in the practice as an athletic trainer or apprentice athletic trainer;
- (5) Has failed to timely make application for renewal;
- (6) Has conducted herself/himself in a manner considered improper by recognized acceptable standards of moral and ethical conduct;
- (7) Violated or conspired to violate the provisions of this Act or Rules and Regulations issued pursuant to the Act.
- (8) Aides or abets, directly or indirectly, the practice of Athletic Training by any person not duly authorized under the Laws of Oklahoma.

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435:25-11-2. Investigatory hearings [REVOKED]

