

# **Constitution of the Southeastern Athletic Trainers' Association, Inc.**

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## **Article I - Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association, Incorporated and recognized as District IX of the National Athletic Trainers' Association.

## **Article II - Objectives**

The objectives of this Association shall be:

- (1) The advancement, encouragement, and improvement of the athletic training profession in all its phases, and the promotion of a better working relationship among those persons interested in the aspects of athletic training.
- (2) To further develop the ability of each of its members.
- (3) To better serve the common interest of its members by providing a means for free exchange of ideas within the profession.
- (4) To enable the members to become better acquainted.

## **Article III - Membership**

### **Section 1.**

There shall be six (6) classes of membership. No individual shall be eligible for more than one class of membership at one time.

Certified Athletic Trainer

Non-Certified Student

Certified Retired

Associate

Certified Student

Honorary

### **Section 2.**

Each member shall have the respective rights and duties as provided in the By-Laws.

## **Article IV - Election of Officers**

### **Section 1.**

The By-Laws shall detail further the procedure by which eligibility for and elections to office shall be affected.

## **Article V - Dues**

### **Section 1.**

The dues of all membership classes shall be as detailed in the By-Laws.

## **Article VI - Suspension of Membership**

### **Section 1.**

All members will abide by the Code of Ethics of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) and the Standards of Professional Practice as set forth by the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification (NATABOC). Changes in membership status in the NATA or the NATABOC due to nonpayment of dues or violations of either the Code of Ethics or Standards of Professional Practice will automatically be reflected as the same status within the Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association, Incorporated.

## **Article VII - Organization**

### **Section 1.**

The governing body of the Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association, Incorporated shall be the Executive Board and will be composed of National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification Certified members of the Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association, Incorporated in good standing for conducting such business as may be necessary.

### **Section 2.**

Elected officers are subject to removal by a two-thirds majority vote of the ballots cast by the voting members of the Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association, Incorporated. Vote shall be by mail and/or with the advance of applicable computer technology through means of online voting.

### **Section 3.**

The Membership boundaries of District IX shall be as defined by the National Athletic Trainers Association.

## **Article VIII - Committees**

The President, as necessary, shall coordinate and be an ex-officio member of all committees as set forth in the By-Laws. Any committee shall be established as deemed necessary by the President.

## **Article IX - Meetings**

### **Section 1.**

The Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association, Incorporated Annual Clinical Symposium and Business Meeting will be held each year at a time and site determined by the Executive Board upon recommendation from the Site Selection Committee appointed by the President.

## **Article X - Amendments to the Constitution**

### **Section 1.**

All proposed amendments to the Constitution will be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the District at least six (6) weeks prior to the annual Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association Incorporated Annual Business Meeting. Proposed amendments will be distributed to the Executive Board for review and final approval for presentation to the membership. The Secretary will distribute copies of the proposal(s) to all voting members at least three (3) weeks prior to the meeting.

### **Section 2.**

The proposed amendment(s) will be read at the Annual Business Meeting and a two-thirds majority vote of the ballots cast by voting members present will be necessary for passage of said amendment(s). Changes will take effect upon completion of voting.

## **Article XI - Amendments to the By-Laws**

### **Section 1.**

The By-Laws of the Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association, Incorporated may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the ballots cast, by voting members of the Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association, Inc. Proposed amendments to the By-Laws shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the District at any time. Proposed amendments will be distributed to the Executive Board for review and final approval for presentation to the membership. Vote shall be by mail and/or with the advance of applicable computer technology through means of online voting.

### **Section 2.**

Changes to the By-Laws, which are a result of modifications or changes to the Constitution, may be presented and voted on concurrently with the changes to the Constitution. Changes will take effect upon completion and tabulation of voting.