

# **Kentucky Athletic Trainers' Society Constitution**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Kentucky Athletic Trainers' Society (KATS) is to:

Promote growth, understanding, and advancement of the profession of Athletic Training

Enhance the quality of healthcare to the physically active.

Serve as a source of continuing education and research

Serve the common interests and needs of the membership

## **ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Kentucky Athletic Trainers' Society, Inc. (KATS)

## **ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of KATS are:

Promote advancement of the Athletic Training profession in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Encourage the highest professional standards in the practice of Athletic Training in the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Participate in and support the education and research in Athletic Training and related fields

Encourage the exchange of ideas relating to the profession of Athletic Training

Enhance the relationship with other healthcare professions related to the care of the physically active.

Conduct a medical symposium for the continuing education of Athletic Trainers in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Hold meetings to conduct the business of this organization

## **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 a time.

NATABOC Certified / KBML Certified	KBML Certified
Certified Retired	Allied
Honorary	Student

### **Section 2:**

Qualifications for membership and the rights and obligations of membership shall be included in the By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE IV – SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 1:**

All members will abide by the Code of Ethics of the National Athletic Trainer's Association, KATS Constitution and By-Laws, and the Code of Ethics of the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure. Failure to pay dues to KATS will be grounds for cancellation, which the member will receive written notification of. Any revoking or suspension of Certification by the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board Of Certification or the KBML will result in immediate suspension and/or cancellation of KATS membership.

### **Section 2:**

Any KATS member may request an inquiry into the status of the membership of another member, for any of the reasons listed in Article IV, Section 1. The member requesting an inquiry shall present a brief, containing the alleged offenses to the Executive Council. A hearing shall be granted after a majority vote of the Executive Council. The Secretary shall send written notification of a hearing to the member within fifteen (15) days following the vote of the Executive Council. The member shall receive written notification of the results of the hearing and the Executive Council's decision within fifteen (15) days after the hearing.

### **Section 3:**

- a. A person whose membership is cancelled in accordance with Article IV, Sections 1 or 2, shall be allowed to appeal, in writing, to the Appeals Committee. Such appeal must be received within thirty (30) days of receipt of written notification of cancellation. The Appeals Committee shall determine, by a majority vote to accept or reject the appeal. The decision will be made and the individual notified in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of the appeal.
- b. A member has the right of a hearing before the Appeals Committee if the written appeal is denied. Member shall request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of receipt of denial of written appeal. The hearing must be held within thirty (30) days of receiving written request. The member shall be notified of the hearing date, location, an time no less than seven (7) days prior. Written notification of the decision of the Appeals Committee will be sent to the member no more than fifteen (15) days after the hearing.

## **ARTICLE V – ORGANIZATION**

### **Section 1:**

The governing body of the Kentucky Athletic Trainers' Association, Incorporated shall be the Executive Council and will be composed of NATABOC Certified and/or KBML Certified members of KATS, in good standing.

### **Section 2:**

- a. Elected officers are subject to suspension and removal by a two-thirds majority vote of the ballots cast by the voting members of KATS, Inc. Vote shall be by mail, or with the advance of applicable computer technology through means of online voting. In addition to the reasons outline in article IV, officers and representatives may be removed for embezzlement, and/or malfeasance in office.
- b. Before removal of office proceedings can be instituted, a brief recommending removal containing the charges with the name(s) of the person(s) issuing the charges, shall be drawn up and presented to the Executive Council, excluding the charged officer. The President, or acting President shall notify the officer in writing within fifteen (15) days following the action. An officer removed from office by the Executive Council shall be allowed to appeal consistent with article IV, Section 3, a.

### **Section 3:**

The roles and responsibilities of each officer shall be outlined in the By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE VI – 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 VII – MEETINGS**

### **Section 1:**

KATS, Inc. Annual Clinical Symposium and Business Meeting will be held each year at a time and site determined by the Executive Council.

### **Section 2:**

The Executive Council shall meet, no less than quarterly, to meet the objectives of this organization.

## **ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS to the CONSTITUTION**

### **Section 1:**

All proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Council at least four (4) weeks prior to the annual meeting of KATS. The Secretary shall distribute copies to the membership before the vote.

### **Section 2:**

For a proposed amendment to the Constitution, the Executive Council may, at its discretion, conduct a mail vote, or with the advancement of computer technology an online vote of the membership. Members will be allowed thirty (30) days to vote.

### **Section 3:**

A proposed amendment to the Constitution that has been properly submitted and approved by the Executive Council shall be read at the meeting and a two-thirds majority vote of the membership present shall be necessary for the adoption of the said amendment. In case of a mail/online vote, two thirds of the ballots returned will be necessary for the adoption of the amendment.

### **Section 4:**

Amendments to the constitution will be published within three (3) months of changes and will be mailed to the membership within six (6) months of the vote.

## **ARTICLE IX – BY-LAWS**

### **Section 1:**

The By-Laws of KATS, Inc. may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the ballots cast, by voting members of KATS. Proposed amendments to the By-Laws shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary at any time. Proposed amendments will be distributed to the Executive Board for review and final approval for presentation to the membership. Vote of the membership shall be by mail and/or with the advance of applicable computer technology through means of online voting. Voting by the membership of KATS will last for 30 days.

### **Section 2:**

Any amendments to the By-Laws will be published within three (3) months of changes and will be mailed to the membership within six (6) months of the vote.

### **Section 3:**

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.