

CONSTITUTION OF THE PARK UNIVERSITY STUDENT ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization will be the Park University Student Athletic Trainers' Association.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization will be to promote the profession of athletic training to students interested in becoming a certified athletic trainer.

Mission Statement: To promote Park University's Athletic Training Education Program, to support one another in pursuit of future career and personal endeavors, to give back to the community, and enjoy the journey in the process.

Vision Statement: To set the standard for the athletic training profession through our dedication, high academic standards, and success.

ARTICLE III OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this organization will be:

1. To promote the field of athletic training.
2. The advancement, support, and the improvement of the athletic training profession in all its phases.
3. To promote a better working relationship among the students, staff, and community.
4. To develop further the ability of each of its members through educational and practical students.
5. To enable members to become better acquainted personally through casual good fellowship.
6. To better serve the common interest of its members by providing a means for free exchange of ideas within the profession.
7. To establish a contact in the athletic training room.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

The membership will include any student that meets the following criteria:

1. The student must be majoring in the athletic training education program at Park University.
2. The student must show an active interest in athletic training.
3. The student must achieve and maintain a cumulative 2.75 grade point average throughout their academic career or he/she will be placed on a probationary status (see Park University Athletic Trainers' Association By-Laws).
4. All students wishing to associate themselves with the Park University Student Athletic Trainers' Association must be in good standing with Park University.

ARTICLE V

SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

Suspension of membership will be contingent upon:

1. Any member convicted of a felony, use of illegal narcotics, distribution of illegal narcotics, or distribution of steroids, will be expelled from this organization.
2. All members must comply with the Code of Ethics set forth by the National Athletic Trainers' Association. Failure to do so will result in suspension of membership.
3. Any complaints against a member must be brought to the attention of an elected officer. The elected officers will then address this complaint.
4. The elected officers will meet with the individuals involved.
5. The elected officers will then decide to either proceed with or dismiss the complaint based on the Park University Student Athletic Trainers' Association By-Laws and Constitution and the Park University's Student Handbook.
6. If the elected officers decide to proceed, the complaint will be brought to the attention of the Park University Student Athletic Trainers' Association.
7. Suspension of membership must be approved by majority vote of those members present.

ARTICLE VI

APPEALING SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

A person whose membership is suspended in accordance with Article V of the Constitution will be allowed, either in person or through some member of the Park University Student Athletic Trainers' Association, to appeal to the elected officers. This appeal must be done within the semester of the suspension. The overruling of the suspension must be approved by majority vote of those members present.

ARTICLE VII

DUES

1. Dues will be \$15.00 each semester, however they are not required to be a member.
2. Athletic training students who chose not to pay dues will forfeit some of the privileges and benefits of a paid member. The loss of privileges and benefits are the discretion of the elected governing body.
3. All dues must be paid in full by the first meeting in October for the fall semester and the first meeting in February for the spring semester.
4. The treasurer will collect and manage all funds.

ARTICLE VIII

ORGANIZATION

1. The governing body will consist of a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and treasurer.
2. These officers will be elected annually by the membership.
3. Removal of the officers will be governed by Article V.

ARTICLE IX

COMMITTEES

1. The president, the vice-president, the secretary, and the treasurer will appoint all committees.

2. All committees will be headed by a chairperson.

ARTICLE X

MEETINGS

1. An official meeting will consist of two officers and no fewer than four members and must convene for no less than ten minutes.
2. Meetings will be held approximately once every month throughout the academic year (fall/spring).
3. Meeting times will be decided on by the membership.
4. The highest active officer can call special meetings if needed to carry out the business of the organization.

ARTICLE XI

QUORUM

1. The quorum of all meetings of the organization will be any members that are present, provided that all members are aware of the meeting.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. The officers of the organization will discuss the proposed amendment and bring the proposed amendments to the general body at the next meeting for discussion and vote.
2. Amendments may be added to the constitution with a majority vote of the membership.

ARTICLE XIII

AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

1. The BY-Laws may be amended at any official meeting of the general body by a majority vote.
2. The By-Laws may not be added, deleted, or amended by a vote by mail or telephone.

ARTICLE XIV

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GOVERNING BODY

1. Advisors will count votes of the election of the new officers. Advisors will be a part of any committee along with the officers.
2. The president will preside over all meetings. He/she will enforce all rules and regulations of the organization. He/she must have completed all the requirements of the organization and maintain them in an outstanding manner. The president is directly responsible for all actions of the organization and must inform the advisors of all organization activities that come to his/her attention. He/she counts all votes that pertain to the organization other than votes taken on officers.
3. The vice-president will assume the powers of the president in his/her absence. The vice-president will maintain all the rules of the organization in a good manner and will become Ad Hoc chairman of any committees formed by the organization.
4. The secretary will abide by all organization rules and will keep an accurate record of proceedings for the organization. He/she is expected to be present at all meetings. He/she notifies all members of the happenings of the organization with a summary of the minutes to be distributed to the members.

5. The treasurer will abide by all organization rules and will keep an accurate record of accountings for the organization. He/she will collect all dues and be responsible for any other financial matters of the organization.