

	Athletic Training Department Academic and Clinical Education Policy & Procedure	Approved Signatures & Date: Department Chair: _____ College Dean: _____			
	Policy Title: NATA Code of Ethics (ATEP.NATA Code of Ethics.wpd)	Date Effective: 08.01.02	Date Replaces: N/A	Policy Number: 01.06	Page: 1 of 1

Section: General Academic

Subject: National Athletic Trainers Association Code of Ethics.

Purpose: To define the NATA Code of Ethics.

Policy: All Students and Faculty will adhere to the NATA Code of Ethics. Misconduct policy will be followed upon failure of adhering to the NATA Code of Ethics.

Athletic Training Code of Ethics

Preamble

The National Athletic Trainers' Association Code of Ethics states the principles of ethical behavior that should be followed in the practice of athletic training. It is intended to establish and maintain high standards and professionalism for the athletic training profession.

The principles do not cover every situation encountered by the practicing athletic trainer, but are representative of the spirit with which athletic trainers should make decisions. The principles are written generally; the circumstances of a situation will determine the interpretation and application of a given principle and of the Code as a whole. When a conflict exists between the Cod and the law, the law prevails.

Principle 1:

Members shall respect the rights, welfare and dignity of all individuals.

- 1.1 Members shall not discriminate against any legally protected class.
- 1.2 Members shall be committed to providing competent care.
- 1.3 Members shall preserve the confidentiality of privileged information and shall not release such information to a third party not involved in the patient's care without a release unless required by law.

Principle 2:

Members shall comply with applicable local, state, and federal laws and institutional guidelines.

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- 2.2 Members shall familiar with and abide by all National Athletic Trainers' Association standards, rules and regulations.
- 2.3 Members shall report illegal or unethical practices related to athletic training to the appropriate person or authority.
- 2.4 Members shall avoid substance abuse and, when necessary, seek rehabilitation for chemical dependency.

Principle 3:

Members shall maintain and promote high standards in their provision of services.

- 3.1 Members shall not misrepresent, either directly or indirectly, their skills, training, professional credentials, identity or services.
- 3.2 Members shall provide only those services for which they are qualified through education or experience and which are allowed by their practice acts and other pertinent regulation.
- 3.3 Members shall provide services, make referrals, and seek compensation only for those services that are necessary.

- 3.4 Members shall recognize the need for continuing education and participate in educational activities that enhance their skills and knowledge.
- 3.5 Members shall educate those whom they supervise in the practice of athletic training about the Code of Ethics and stress the importance of adherence.
- 3.6 Members who are researchers or educators should maintain and promote ethical conduct in research and educational activities.

Principle 4:

Members shall not engage in conduct that could be construed as a conflict of interest or that reflects negatively on the profession..

- 4.1 Members should conduct themselves personally and professionally in a manner that does not compromise their professional responsibilities or the practice of athletic training.
- 4.2 National Athletic Trainers' Association current or past volunteer leaders shall not use the NATA logo in the endorsement of products or services or exploit their affiliation with the NATA in a manner that reflects badly upon the profession.
- 4.3 Members shall not place financial gain above the patients welfare and shall not participate in any arrangement that exploits the patient.
- 4.4 Members shall not, through direct or indirect means, use information obtained in the course of the practice of athletic training to try to influence the score or outcome of an athletic event, or attempt to induce financial gain through gambling.

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