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(b) An observership program shall be limited to:

1. Observation of operative procedures;
2. The taking of histories;
3. The performance of physical examinations;
4. The performance of non-invasive procedures under the direct supervision of and in the immediate presence of the supervising licensed physician; and

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(RESERVED)

Repealed by R.1999 d.356, effective October 18, 1999.
See: 31 N.J.R. 1742(a), 31 N.J.R. 3117(a).

SUBCHAPTER 10. ATHLETIC TRAINERS

13:35-10.1 Scope and purpose

(a) This subchapter is promulgated by the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.35 et seq., providing for the licensure and regulation of athletic trainers within the State of New Jersey.

(b) The rules contained in this subchapter shall apply to all individuals currently practicing as athletic trainers, as well as those individuals studying to become athletic trainers within this State and applicants for licensure. The rules are designed to better define the allowable activities, professional standards, and the educational requirements of athletic trainers.

Amended by R.2004 d.273, effective July 19, 2004.
See: 35 N.J.R. 2834(a), 36 N.J.R. 3400(a).

In (a), substituted "licensure" for "registration" preceding "and regulation"; in (b), inserted "and applicants for licensure" following "athletic trainers within this State".

13:35-10.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, as used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

"Advisory Committee" means the Athletic Training Advisory Committee established under N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.39.

"Athlete" means an individual who participates in strenuous physical exercise, physical conditioning or a sport.

"Athletic training" means the practice of physical conditioning and reconditioning of athletes and the prevention of injuries incurred by athletes. "Athletic training" also includes the application of physical treatment modalities to athletes under a plan of care designed and overseen by a supervising physician licensed in New Jersey, as recommended by the Advisory Committee and defined in N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.7(b).

"Board" means the State Board of Medical Examiners.

"Bracing" means the provision of fabric and elastic supports, corsets, arch supports, trusses, elastic hose, canes, crutches, cervical collars, dental appliances or other similar devices carried in stock and sold by drug stores, department stores, corset shops or surgical supply facilities.

"Licensed athletic trainer" means an individual who is licensed by the Board to practice athletic training.

"Physician" means a physician and surgeon licensed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-1 et seq.

"Plan of care" means a documented arrangement between a licensed athletic trainer and a physician, which sets forth:

1. The physical treatment modalities a licensed athletic trainer will utilize while providing services to athletes in an interscholastic, intercollegiate, intramural or professional athletic setting; and

2. Any athletic training services, including physical treatment modalities, the athletic trainer will provide when he or she is working with an athlete outside of an interscholastic, intercollegiate, intramural or professional athletic setting.

"Supervising physician" means a physician with whom an athletic trainer has a plan of care.

"Supervision" means that a physician licensed in this State is accessible to a licensed athletic trainer, either on-site or through voice communication, during athletic training.

Amended by R.2004 d.273, effective July 19, 2004.
See: 35 N.J.R. 2834(a), 36 N.J.R. 3400(a).

Rewrote "Athletic training".

Amended by R.2012 d.013, effective January 3, 2012.
See: 43 N.J.R. 26(a), 44 N.J.R. 104(a).

Rewrote definitions "Athlete" and "Athletic training"; deleted definitions "Athletic trainer", "Direction of a licensed physician", "Non-injured athlete" and "Professional athletic team"; and added definitions "Bracing", "Licensed athletic trainer", "Physician", "Plan of care", "Supervising physician" and "Supervision".

13:35-10.3 Application for licensure

(a) An applicant for athletic trainer licensure shall submit to the Board:

1. A completed application form;
2. Proof that the applicant has completed a program of education, training and experience, which is approved by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education, or its successor;
3. Proof that the applicant has passed the examination administered by the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc., or its successor, or an equivalent examination as adopted by the Board; and
4. The application fee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.19.

Amended by R.2004 d.273, effective July 19, 2004.
See: 35 N.J.R. 2834(a), 36 N.J.R. 3400(a).

Rewrote the section.

Amended by R.2012 d.013, effective January 3, 2012.
See: 43 N.J.R. 26(a), 44 N.J.R. 104(a).

In (a)2, inserted a comma following "experience", and substituted "Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education" for "National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc."; and in (a)4, updated the N.J.A.C. reference.

13:35-10.4 Licensure; biennial license renewal; license suspension; reinstatement of suspended license; inactive status; return from inactive status

(a) All licenses issued by the Board shall be issued for a two-year licensure period. A licensed athletic trainer who seeks renewal of the license shall submit a completed renewal application and the renewal fee as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.19 prior to the expiration date of the license.

(b) The Board shall send a notice of renewal to each licensee at the address registered with the Board at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the license. If the notice to renew is not sent at least 60 days prior to the expiration date, no monetary penalties or fines shall apply to the holder for failure to renew.

(c) If a licensed athletic trainer does not renew the license prior to its expiration date, the licensed athletic trainer may renew the license within 30 days of its expiration by submitting a renewal application, a renewal fee and a late fee, as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.19. During this 30-day period, the license shall be valid, and the licensed athletic trainer shall not be deemed to be practicing without a license.

(d) A license that is not renewed within 30 days of its expiration shall be automatically suspended. An individual who continues to practice with a suspended license shall be deemed to be engaged in unlicensed practice and shall be subject to penalties for practicing without a license.

(e) A licensed athletic trainer whose license has been automatically suspended for five years or less for failure to renew pursuant to (d) above may be reinstated by the Board upon completion of the following:

1. Payment of the reinstatement fee and all past delinquent biennial renewal fees pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.19; and

2. Submission of an affidavit of employment listing each job held during the period of suspended license which includes the name, address, and telephone number of each employer.

(f) In addition to fulfilling the requirements set forth in (e) above, a licensed athletic trainer whose license has been automatically suspended for more than three years who wishes to return to practice shall submit proof that he or she is currently certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification, or its successor.

(g) In addition to fulfilling the requirements set forth in (e) and (f) above, a licensed athletic trainer whose license has been automatically suspended for more than five years who wishes to return to practice shall reapply for licensure and shall demonstrate that he or she has maintained proficiency. An applicant who fails to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that he or she has maintained proficiency while suspended may be subject to an examination or other

requirements as determined by the Board prior to reinstatement of his or her license.

(h) Renewal applications shall provide the licensed athletic trainer with the option of either active or inactive status. A licensed athletic trainer electing inactive status shall pay the inactive license fee set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.19 and shall not engage in practice.

(i) A licensee who elected inactive status and has been on inactive status for five years or less may be reinstated by the Board upon completion of the following:

1. Payment of the reinstatement fee; and

2. Submission of an affidavit of employment listing each job held during the period the licensee was on inactive status which includes the name, address, and telephone number of each employer.

(j) In addition to fulfilling the requirements set forth in (i) above, a licensed athletic trainer who has been on inactive status for more than five years who wishes to return to the practice of athletic training shall reapply for licensure and shall demonstrate that he or she has maintained proficiency. An applicant who fails to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that he or she has maintained proficiency while on inactive status may be subject to an examination or other requirements as determined by the Board prior to reinstatement of his or her license.

New Rule, R.2005 d.120, effective April 18, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4633(a), 37 N.J.R. 1203(a).

Former N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.4, Approved activities, recodified to N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.5.

Amended by R.2012 d.013, effective January 3, 2012.

See: 43 N.J.R. 26(a), 44 N.J.R. 104(a).

In (a), (c) and the introductory paragraph of (e), substituted "licensed athletic trainer" for "licensee" throughout; in (a), (c) and (e)1, updated the N.J.A.C. references; added new (f); recodified former (f) through (i) as (g) through (j); in (g) and (j), deleted "the" preceding "fulfilling"; in (g), (h) and (j), substituted "licensed athletic trainer" for "licensee" throughout; in (g), inserted "and (f)"; in (h), updated the N.J.A.C. reference; and in (j), substituted "(i)" for "(h)" and "athletic training" for "medicine".

13:35-10.5 Plan of care guidelines

(a) Every licensed athletic trainer shall enter into a written plan of care with a supervising physician, which sets forth the practices in which a licensed athletic trainer shall engage in while providing physical treatment modalities to athletes in an interscholastic, intercollegiate, intramural or professional athletic setting and all athletic training services, including physical treatment modalities, provided outside of these settings. The plan of care shall be signed and dated by both the licensed athletic trainer and the supervising physician.

(b) A licensed athletic trainer and his or her supervising physician shall meet at least once a year to review the plan of care and revise it as necessary.

13:35-10.17 Use of professional credentials and certifications

(a) A licensed athletic trainer shall accurately and objectively represent his or her competence, education, training and experience.

(b) A licensed athletic trainer shall use the designation "athletic trainer" or "licensed athletic trainer" or the abbreviation "AT" or "LAT" in conjunction with the use of his or her name and license number. Academic degree designations may be placed after the name and the title.

(c) An advertisement that includes information on professional credentials shall contain the academic degrees attained related to the practice of athletic training and shall refer only to degrees obtained from accredited academic institutions.

New Rule, R.2012 d.013, effective January 3, 2012.
See: 43 N.J.R. 26(a), 44 N.J.R. 104(a).

13:35-10.18 Violations

Without limiting the prosecution of any practices which may be unlawful under any other state or Federal law, a violation of this subchapter shall be deemed to be a violation of the Athletic Training Licensure Act, N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.35 et seq., and shall be subject to the sanctions and penalties of N.J.S.A. 45:1-1 et seq.

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.7 and amended by R.2004 d.273, effective July 19, 2004.
See: 35 N.J.R. 2834(a), 36 N.J.R. 3400(a).
Substituted "Licensure" for "Practice" and " of N.J.S.A. 45:1-1 et seq." for "provided for thereunder".
Recodified from N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.5 and amended by R.2005 d.120, effective April 18, 2005.
See: 36 N.J.R. 4633(a), 37 N.J.R. 1203(a).
Former N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.6, Fees, recodified to N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.7.
Recodified from N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.6 by R.2012 d.013, effective January 3, 2012.
See: 43 N.J.R. 26(a), 44 N.J.R. 104(a).

13:35-10.19 Fees

(a) The following fees shall be charged by the Board for athletic trainer licensure:

1. Application Fee..... \$100.00
2. Temporary licensure or authorized licensure without examination \$60.00
3. Initial Licensure Fee
 - i. If paid during the first year of a biennial renewal period\$80.00
 - ii. If paid during the second year of a biennial renewal period\$40.00
4. Biennial renewal \$80.00
5. Endorsement \$60.00
6. Late renewal fee..... \$50.00
7. Reinstatement fee..... \$60.00
8. Inactive license fee (to be determined by the Director by regulation)

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.8 and amended by R.2004 d.273, effective July 19, 2004.
See: 35 N.J.R. 2834(a), 36 N.J.R. 3400(a).
Rewrote the section. Former N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.6, Approved activities, recodified to N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.4.
Recodified from N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.6 and amended by R.2005 d.120, effective April 18, 2005.
See: 36 N.J.R. 4633(a), 37 N.J.R. 1203(a).
Former N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.7, Reserved, repealed.
Amended by R.2005 d.175, effective June 6, 2005.
See: 37 N.J.R. 206(a), 37 N.J.R. 1203(a), 37 N.J.R. 2041(b).
Rewrote the section.
Recodified from N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.7 by R.2012 d.013, effective January 3, 2012.
See: 43 N.J.R. 26(a), 44 N.J.R. 104(a).

13:35-10.20 Sexual misconduct

(a) The purpose of this section is to identify for licensed athletic trainers conduct which shall be deemed sexual misconduct.

(b) As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings, unless the context indicates otherwise:

"Athlete" means any person who is the recipient of athletic training services rendered by a licensed athletic trainer as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.4.

"Athlete-athletic trainer relationship" means a relationship between a licensed athletic trainer and an athlete wherein the licensed athletic trainer is responsible to render athletic training services for the athlete.

"Sexual contact" means the knowing touching of a person's body directly or through clothing, where the circumstances surrounding the touching would be construed by a reasonable person to be motivated by the licensed athletic trainer's own prurient interest or for sexual arousal or gratification. "Sexual contact" includes, but is not limited to, the imposition of a part of the licensed athletic trainer's body upon the part of the athlete's body, sexual penetration, or the insertion or any imposition of any object or any part of a licensed athletic trainer's or athlete's body into or near the genital, anal or other opening of the other person's body. "Sexual contact" does not include the touching of an athlete's body which is necessary during a generally accepted and recognized athletic training procedure.

"Sexual harassment" means solicitation of any sexual act, physical advances, or verbal or nonverbal conduct that is sexual in nature, and which occurs in connection with a licensed athletic trainer's activities or role as a provider of athletic training services, and that either is unwelcome, offensive to a reasonable person, or creates a hostile workplace environment, and the licensed athletic trainer knows, should know, or is told this; or is sufficiently severe or intense to be abusive to a reasonable person in that context. "Sexual harassment" may consist of a single extreme or severe act or of multiple acts and may include, but is not limited to, conduct of a licensed athletic trainer with an athlete, co-worker, employee, student or supervisee, whether or not such individual is in a subordinate position to the licensed athletic trainer.

“Spouse” means the husband, wife or fiancée of the licensed athletic trainer or an individual involved in a long-term committed relationship with the licensed athletic trainer. For the purposes of the definition of “spouse,” a long-term committed relationship means a relationship which is at least six months in duration.

(c) A licensed athletic trainer shall not seek or solicit sexual contact with an athlete with whom he or she has an athlete-athletic trainer relationship and shall not seek or solicit sexual contact with any person in exchange for professional services.

(d) A licensed athletic trainer shall not engage in any discussion of an intimate sexual nature with an athlete with whom the licensed athletic trainer has an athlete-athletic trainer relationship unless that discussion is directly related to a proper athletic training purpose. Such discussion shall not include disclosure by the licensed athletic trainer of his or her own sexual relationships.

(e) A licensed athletic trainer shall provide draping or other measures which prevent the unnecessary exposure of the unclothed body of the athlete while examining the injured area.

(f) A licensed athletic trainer shall not engage in sexual contact with a student who is enrolled in a high school at which the licensed athletic trainer is employed.

(g) If a licensed athletic trainer has an athlete-athletic trainer relationship, the licensed athletic trainer shall not engage in sexual contact with the athlete if either:

1. Such sexual contact is prohibited by (f) above; or
2. The athlete-athletic trainer relationship is ongoing. The athlete-athletic trainer relationship is ongoing for the purposes of this section, unless:
 - i. Athletic training services are terminated by way of written notice to the athlete, the termination is documented in the licensed athletic trainer’s records and alternative athletic training services are provided; or
 - ii. The athlete has left the school, college, university or team for which the licensed athletic trainer works.

(h) A licensed athletic trainer shall not engage in sexual harassment either within or outside of the professional setting.

(i) A licensed athletic trainer shall not engage in any other activity which would lead a reasonable person to believe that the activity serves the licensed athletic trainer’s personal prurient interests or which is for the sexual arousal, or sexual gratification of the licensed athletic trainer or athlete or which is an act of sexual abuse.

(j) Violation of any of the prohibitions or directives set forth in (c) through (i) above shall constitute professional misconduct pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

(k) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a licensed athletic trainer from rendering athletic training services to a spouse, providing that the rendering of such athletic training services is consistent with accepted standards of athletic training and that the performance of athletic training is not utilized to exploit the athlete spouse for the sexual arousal or sexual gratification of the licensed athletic trainer.

(l) It shall not be a defense to any action under this section that:

1. The athlete solicited or consented to sexual contact with the licensed athletic trainer; or
2. The licensed athletic trainer is in love with or had affection for the athlete.

New Rule, R.1993 d.260, effective June 7, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 1058(a), 25 N.J.R. 2487(a).

Administrative Correction.

See: 25 N.J.R. December 6, 1993.

Amended by R.1995 d.330, effective June 19, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 640(a) (see also 27 N.J.R. 1746(a)), 27 N.J.R. 2410(a).

Increased some of the fees.

Repealed by R.2004 d.273, effective July 19, 2004.

See: 35 N.J.R. 2834(a), 36 N.J.R. 3400(a).

Former N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.8, Fees, recodified to N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.6.

New Rule, R.2007 d.165, effective May 21, 2007.

See: 38 N.J.R. 2989(a), 39 N.J.R. 2125(a).

Section was “Reserved”.

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.8 by R.2012 d.013, effective January 3, 2012.

See: 43 N.J.R. 26(a), 44 N.J.R. 104(a).

SUBCHAPTER 11. ALTERNATIVE RESOLUTION PROGRAM

13:35-11.1 Definitions

As used in this subchapter the following words and terms have the following meanings, unless the context indicates otherwise:

“Alternative Resolution Program” or “ARP” means a program established pursuant to this subchapter for those subject to Board jurisdiction who are suffering from chemical dependencies and other impairments which shall permit such licensees to disclose their status to an entity which would allow for confidential oversight.

“Board” means the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners.

“Chemical dependency” means a condition involving the continued misuse of chemical substances.

“Chemical substances” is to be construed to include alcohol, drugs or medications, including those taken pursuant to a valid prescription for legitimate medical purposes and in accordance with the prescriber’s direction, as well as those used illegally.