

BYLAWS OF THE SPORTS MEDICINE SECTION OF THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ACADEMY OF ORTHOPEDICS

These Bylaws are a companion to the bylaws of the American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics (AOAO). The bylaws of the AOAO are, therefore, incorporated into this document.

Article I Purpose

The purpose of the Sports Medicine Section of the AOAO shall be:

To facilitate the Mission and Vision statement of the AOAO.

To foster communication and camaraderie among its members.

To participate in educational endeavors such as lectures and conferences sponsored by the AOAO.

To advance the learning and understanding of Sports Medicine, applying the principles and practice of Osteopathic medicine and surgery.

Article II Members and Meetings of Members

Section 1 Classes of Membership

- A. The classes of membership shall be the same as the AOAO membership classification, excluding students. (AOAO: Article II, Section 1)

Section 2 Qualification for Membership

- A. The qualification for membership shall be the same as the AOAO qualifications. (Article II, Section 2)
- B. Individual consideration shall be given to those orthopedic surgeons with special interest in Sports Medicine who have met the qualifications set forth in Article II, section 2, A.

Section 3 Applications

- A. All applicants shall complete an appropriate application, which is available on the AOAO web site (www.aobao.org) or from the AOAO office, and shall be reviewed as required by the Manual of Procedure.

Section 4 Rights of Members

- A. The rights of members shall be the same as the bylaws of the AOA. (AOAO: Article II, Section 5)

Section 5 Continuing Medical Education Attendance

- A. The CME attendance requirements shall be the same as stated in the AOA bylaws. (AOAO: Article II, Section 6)

Section 6 Annual Meetings

- A. The General Business Meeting of the Sports Medicine Section shall be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the AOA. The purpose of the meeting shall be the election of officers and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Section 7 Notice of Annual Meetings

- A. Notice of the time, place and purpose of the Annual Business meeting shall be served electronically, not less than 30 days nor more than 90 days prior to the meeting.

Section 8 Quorum

- A. At any meeting of the Sports Medicine section of the AOA, the presence of 10 voting members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. If no quorum is present, business shall be transacted by the Officers present at the meeting.

Section 9 Voting

- A. Only Active, Military, Life, Retired and Disabled Members shall be entitled to vote on any issue or matter that requires the vote of the Members.

Section 10 Fees and Dues

- A. Annual Membership dues shall be determined by the Officers of the Sports Medicine section.
- B. Special assessments of fees shall be made as determined by a majority vote of the voting members for special needs as determined by the Officers.
- C. Shall be subject to AOA bylaws. (AOAO: Article II, Section 14, A, 6a, 7)

Section 11 Disciplinary Action

- A. Disciplinary action shall be the same as the AOA in Article II, Section 19.

Section 12 Appeals

- A. Appeals shall be the same as the AOA in Article II, Section 20.

**Article III
Committees**

Section 1 Nominating Committee

- A. The nominating committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, and the immediate past President.
- B. The Nominating Committee, at the Annual Meeting of the section, shall present to the membership the names of the individuals nominated to be officers.

**Article IV
Officers**

Section 1 Number

- A. The Officers of the Sports Medicine section shall be the President, Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, 3rd Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. After October 28, 2012, all elected Officers shall be fellowship trained in orthopedic sports medicine. Prior to October 28, 2012, any members without fellowship training in orthopedic sports medicine, who held office prior to this date, will be grandfathered in and may serve as an officer again.

Section 2 Term of Office, Qualifications and Succession

- A. The Officers shall be elected at the Sports Medicine section Annual Meeting.
- B. The term of office of the President, Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, 3rd Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be one year.
- C. The 2nd Vice-President and 3rd Vice-President shall succeed to Vice-President and 2nd Vice President. The Vice-President shall success to President as the annual terms expire.
- D. The 3rd Vice-President shall be appointed annually during the Sports Medicine section Annual Meeting.

- E. Only Active, Military, Life, Retired and Disabled members of the Sports Medicine section shall be elected Officers. An Officer shall have demonstrated service and commitment to the AOA.

Section 3 President

- A. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Sports Medicine section.
- B. The President shall, as necessary, appoint committees of the Sports Medicine section and appoint a chairperson.
- C. The President shall have the authority to appoint from the membership to fill a vacancy that occurs in the Officers. This appointment will apply until the next Annual Meeting of the section.

Section 4 Vice-President

- A. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President if such a vacancy exists.
- B. The Vice-President shall, working in conjunction with the CME committee of the AOA, coordinate moderators for the Sports Medicine section educational session at the Annual Meeting.

Section 5 2nd Vice-President

- A. The 2nd Vice-President shall assume the duties of the Vice-President if such a vacancy exists.

Section 6 3rd Vice-President

- A. The 3rd Vice-President shall assume the duties of the 2nd Vice-President if such a vacancy exists.

Section 7 Secretary

- A. The Secretary shall prepare and preserve records of attendance and proceedings of all Sports Medicine section meetings.
- B. The Secretary shall be responsible for membership rolls.
- C. The Secretary shall handle the correspondence and other usual duties of the office.
- D. The Secretary shall communicate and participate directly with the administrative staff of the AOA.

- E. The Secretary shall, at the discretion of the Officers, coordinate with the administrative staff of the AOA
- F. The Secretary shall, working in conjunction with the CME committee of the AOA, coordinate moderators for the Sports Medicine section educational session at the Post Graduate Seminar and Annual Meeting

Section 8. Treasurer

A. The Treasurer shall protect and disburse funds of the section as directed by the Officers.

Section 9. Section Meeting Attendance Requirement for Officers

- A. Officers must participate in 50% of scheduled section meetings/teleconferences per year. The Secretary or next highest ranking officer will track meeting participation.
- B. Officers not attending due to unforeseen personal situations will be considered “absent with cause”. Officers not participating in 50% of the scheduled meetings will be subject to review by the sports section board and a vote will be taken for replacement.

Article V Amendments

Section 1 The Officers and voting members shall have the power to make, alter, amend and repeal the bylaws by an affirmative vote of the majority of the Officers or voting members, at a regular meeting and adopted by vote at a subsequent regular meeting. Such amendments shall be submitted for approval to the AOA Board of Directors.

Article VI Code of Ethics

Section 1 The code of ethics for the Sports Medicine section shall be the Code of Ethics of the AOA.

Article VII Non-Discrimination

Section 1 The non-discrimination policy shall be the same as the AOA in Article XIV.