

IDAPA 24 – DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

IDAHO STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

24.33.05 – Rules of the Licensure of Athletic Trainers to Practice In Idaho

Who does this rule apply to?

This rule applies to athletic trainers who are licensed or seek to be licensed under the Board of Medicine and to any physicians who are supervising or seek to supervise an athletic trainer

What is the purpose of this rule?

The purpose of this rule is to provide definitions that are not found in statute, along with information on the eligibility and requirements for licensure, renewal licensure, licensure fees, and continuing education requirements for athletic trainers. In addition, this rule provides guidelines for the physician supervision of athletic trainers (“Directing Physician”) and the requirements for an Athletic Training Service Plan or protocol.

What is the legal authority for the agency to promulgate this rule?

This rule implements the following statutes passed by the Idaho Legislature:

The Medical Practice Act

Physicians and Physician Assistants:

- [54-1801, et seq.](#)
- [54-1806, Idaho Code](#) – Powers and Duties
- [54-1806A, Idaho Code](#) – Medical Disciplinary Enforcement

Athletic Trainers:

- [54-3907, Idaho Code](#) – Fees
- [54-3910, Idaho Code](#) – Renewal of Licensure
- [54-3911, Idaho Code](#) – Denial – Suspension and Revocation of License – Refusal to Renew
- [54-3913, Idaho Code](#) – Board of Medicine & Board of Athletic Trainers – Powers and Duties

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24.33.05 – RULES FOR THE LICENSURE OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS TO PRACTICE IN IDAHO

000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.

These rules are promulgated pursuant to Sections 54-3907 and 54-3913(2), Idaho Code. (3-28-23)

001. SCOPE.

These rules govern the practice of athletic training in Idaho. (3-28-23)

002. -- 009. (RESERVED)

010. DEFINITIONS.

01. Actively Engaged. A person who is employed in Idaho on a remuneration basis by an educational or health care institution, professional, amateur, or recreational sports club, or other bona fide athletic organization and is involved in athletic training as a responsibility of his employment. (3-28-23)

02. Association. The Idaho Athletic Trainers' Association. (3-28-23)

03. Athletic Training Service Plan or Protocol. A written document, made upon a form provided by the Board, mutually agreed upon, signed and dated by the athletic trainer and directing physician that defines the athletic training services to be provided by the athletic trainer. The Board may review athletic training service plans or protocols, job descriptions, policy statements, or other documents that define the responsibilities of the athletic trainer in the practice setting, and may require such changes as needed to achieve compliance with this chapter and Title 54, Chapter 39, Idaho Code, and to safeguard the public. The Board of Chiropractic Physicians may review those athletic training service plans or protocols or other documents that define the responsibilities of the athletic trainer for those athletic trainers whose directing physicians are chiropractic physicians. (3-28-23)

011. SCOPE OF PRACTICE.

01. Referral by Directing Physician. An athletic injury not incurred in association with an educational institution, professional, amateur, or recreational sports club or organization must be referred by a directing physician, but only after such directing physician has first evaluated the athlete. An athletic trainer treating or evaluating an athlete with an athletic injury incurred in association with an amateur or recreational sports club or organization will especially consider the need for a directing physician to subsequently evaluate the athlete and refer for further athletic training services. (3-28-23)

02. Limitations of Scope of Practice. The scope of practice of the athletic trainer, as set forth in this chapter and Section 54-3903, Idaho Code, shall be limited to and consistent with the scope of practice of his directing physician. (3-28-23)

03. Identification. The athletic trainer will at all times when on duty identify himself as an athletic trainer. (3-28-23)

012. ATHLETIC TRAINING SERVICE PLAN OR PROTOCOL.

Each licensed athletic trainer providing athletic training services will create, upon a form provided by the Board, an athletic training service plan or protocol with his directing physician. This athletic training service plan or protocol must be reviewed and updated on an annual basis. Each licensed athletic trainer must notify the Board within thirty (30) days of any change in the status of his directing physician. This plan or protocol will not be sent to the Board, but must be maintained on file at each location in which the athletic trainer is practicing. The Board may review athletic training service plans or protocols, job descriptions, policy statements, or other documents that define the responsibilities of the athletic trainer in the practice setting, and may require such changes as needed to achieve compliance with this chapter, Title 54, Chapter 39, Idaho Code, and to safeguard the public. This plan or protocol will be made immediately available to the Board upon request. This plan or protocol will be made immediately available to the Board of Chiropractic Physicians upon request for those athletic trainers whose directing physicians are chiropractic physicians. This plan or protocol will include: (3-28-23)

01. Listing of Services and Activities. A listing of the athletic training services to be provided and specific activities to be performed by the athletic trainer. (3-28-23)

02. Locations and Facilities. The specific locations and facilities in which the athletic trainer will function; and (3-28-23)

03. Methods to be Used. The methods to be used to ensure responsible direction and control of the

activities of the athletic trainer, which will provide for the: (3-28-23)

- a. Recording of an on-site visit by the directing physician at least semiannually or every semester; (3-28-23)
- b. Availability of the directing physician to the athletic trainer in person or by telephone and procedures for providing direction for the athletic trainer in emergency situations; and (3-28-23)
- c. Procedures for addressing situations outside the scope of practice of the athletic trainer. (3-28-23)

013. -- 019. (RESERVED)

020. GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AND RENEWAL.

Requirements for licensure and renewal are found in Title 54, Chapter 39, Idaho Code, IDAPA 24.33.03, and on Board-approved forms. (3-28-23)

021. -- 029. (RESERVED)

030. APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE.

01. Application for Provisional Licensure. (3-28-23)

a. The Board, based upon the recommendation of the Board of Athletic Trainers, may issue provisional licensure to applicants who have successfully completed a bachelor's or advanced degree from an accredited four (4) year college or university, and met the minimum athletic training curriculum requirement established by the Board as recommended by the Board of Athletic Trainers and who have met all the other requirements set forth by Section 020 of these rules but who have not yet passed the examination conducted by the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification or a nationally recognized credentialing agency, approved by the Board as recommended by the Board of Athletic Trainers. (3-28-23)

b. Each applicant for provisional licensure will submit a completed written application to the Board on forms prescribed by the Board, together with the application fee. The application shall be verified, under oath, and include an affidavit signed by an Idaho licensed athletic trainer affirming and attesting to supervise and be responsible for the athletic training services of the provisionally licensed athletic trainer and to review and countersign all records and documentation of services performed by the provisionally licensed athletic trainer. (3-28-23)

ii. Supervision. A provisionally licensed graduate athletic trainer must be in direct association with his directing physician and Idaho licensed athletic trainer who will supervise and be available to render direction in person and on the premises where the athletic training services are being provided. The directing physician and the supervising athletic trainer is responsible for the athletic training services provided by the provisionally licensed graduate athletic trainer. The extent of communication between the directing physician and supervising athletic trainer and the provisionally licensed athletic trainer is determined by the competency of the provisionally licensed athletic trainer and the practice setting and the type of athletic training services being rendered. (3-28-23)

c. Scope of Practice. The scope of practice of the provisionally licensed athletic trainer, as set forth in this chapter and Section 54-3903, Idaho Code, is limited to and consistent with the scope of practice of his directing physician and supervising athletic trainer and conform with the established athletic training service plan or protocol. (3-28-23)

d. Expiration of Provisional License. All provisional licenses for athletic trainers will expire upon meeting the minimum athletic training curriculum requirement established by the Board as recommended by the Board of Athletic Trainers and meeting all the other requirements set forth by Section 020 of these rules, including passing the certification examination conducted by the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification or a nationally recognized credentialing agency, approved by the Board as recommended by the Board of Athletic Trainers. (3-28-23)

031. -- 051. (RESERVED)

052. DENIAL OR REFUSAL TO RENEW LICENSURE OR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSURE.

01. Application or Renewal Denial. A new or renewal application for licensure may be denied by the Board and shall be considered a contested case. Every person licensed pursuant to Title 54, Chapter 39, Idaho Code and these rules is subject to discipline pursuant to the procedures and powers established by and set forth in Section 54-3911, Idaho Code, and the Idaho Administrative Procedure Act. (3-28-23)

02. Petitions for Reconsideration of Denial. All petitions for reconsideration of a denial of a license application or reinstatement application shall be made to the Board within one (1) year from the date of the denial. (3-28-23)

053. -- 060. (RESERVED)

061. FEES -- TABLE.

Nonrefundable fees are as follows:

Fees – Table (Non-Refundable)	
Athletic Trainer Licensure Fee	- Not more than \$240
Athletic Trainer Annual Renewal Fee	- Not more than \$160
Directing Physician Registration Fee	- Not more than \$50
Annual Renewal of Directing Physician Registration Fee	- Not more than \$25
Alternate Directing Physician Registration/Renewal Fee	- \$0
Provisional Licensure Fee	- Not more than \$80
Annual Renewal of Provisional License Fee	- Not more than \$40
Inactive License Renewal Fee	- Not more than \$80
Reinstatement Fee	- Not more than \$50 plus unpaid renewal fees

(3-28-23)

062. -- 999. (RESERVED)