

Iota Tau Alpha Athletic Training Honor Society Constitution and By-Laws



Constitution

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be Iota Tau Alpha (ITA) Athletic Training Honor Society.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of Iota Tau Alpha shall be to function as an honor and professional society for athletic training students. The Society shall promote academic excellence, scholarly inquiry, leadership development, service, and professional engagement within the athletic training profession.

ARTICLE III – INSIGNIA

1. The official emblem of the Society shall consist of a statue of Nike, encircled by a wreath, with the three Greek initials of the Society beneath.
2. The official coat of arms shall be that adopted by the founder in 2004 and maintained in the national archives.
3. The official colors of the Society shall be red, yellow, and blue.
4. The official flower of the Society shall be the red rose commonly known as the “American Beauty.”
5. The official motto of the Society shall be: “We heal those contending for the prize.”

ARTICLE IV – NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY

The national philanthropy of Iota Tau Alpha shall be the National Athletic Trainers’ Association Research and Education Foundation. Chapters are encouraged to donate annually and participate in special events offered by the Foundation.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in Iota Tau Alpha shall consist of the following categories:
 - Professional
 - Post-Professional
 - Honorary
 - Alumni
2. General membership shall consist of Professional and Post-Professional members.
3. Membership in the Society shall be for life unless removal occurs under procedures established in the By-Laws.
4. The Society shall not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, creed, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or any other characteristic protected by law.

ARTICLE VI – GOVERNANCE

1. Iota Tau Alpha shall operate through chartered chapters at institutions with accredited athletic training programs or athletic training–related doctoral programs.
2. Each chapter shall be governed by elected student officers and supported by a faculty advisor.
3. The structure, duties, and procedures of chapter governance shall be defined in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by the NATA and communicated to all active chapters.

ARTICLE VIII – DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of Iota Tau Alpha Athletic Training Honor Society, any remaining assets shall be distributed to one or more organizations exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or to a federal, state, or local government entity for a public purpose.

By-Laws

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. Professional Membership

Professional members shall:

1. Be enrolled in a CAATE-accredited professional athletic training program where an ITA chapter exists
2. Have completed at least one academic semester toward the athletic training degree
3. Have earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5
4. Rank in the top 35% of their cohort based on cumulative GPA
5. Be in good academic and professional standing

Each chapter may adopt specific membership requirements which are not in conflict with the requirements outlined in Section 1 and which are meaningful in the specific local situation.

Section 2. Post-Professional Membership

Post-Professional members shall:

1. Be enrolled in an athletic training–related doctoral program where an ITA chapter exists
2. Have completed at least one academic semester toward the doctoral degree
3. Have earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.7
4. Be in good academic and professional standing

Section 3. Honorary Membership

Honorary membership may be conferred upon individuals not otherwise eligible for general membership who have demonstrated distinguished scholarship, leadership, or service to the athletic training profession. Nomination shall be made by the local chapter and approved by a two-thirds vote of general members.

Section 4. Alumni Membership

Alumni membership shall include former Professional or Post-Professional members who have graduated, as well as individuals who met eligibility criteria while enrolled at an institution prior to the establishment of an ITA chapter.

ARTICLE II – INITIATION AND FEES

1. Fees for program membership and chapter chartering shall be established by the NATA, collected as a one-time payment at time of application, and periodically reviewed.
2. Fees for chapter members shall be established and collected by the chapter.

ARTICLE III – CHAPTER OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers

Each chapter shall elect the following officers from among its general membership:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Philanthropy Chair

These officers shall constitute the Chapter Executive Board.

Section 2. Terms of Office

The timing of elections, assumption of duties, and length of terms shall be defined in the chapter's by-laws.

Section 3. Duties

The specific duties of officers shall be defined in chapter by-laws and aligned with national guidance.

ARTICLE IV – ELECTIONS AND VOTING

1. Officer nomination procedures shall be established by the chapter and faculty advisor.
2. Elections shall require a majority vote of members present at a duly called meeting.

ARTICLE V – FACULTY ADVISOR

1. Each chapter shall designate a faculty advisor from among the athletic training program faculty.
2. The faculty advisor shall serve a term not to exceed three years and may be reappointed.
3. The faculty advisor shall provide oversight, continuity, and guidance; serve as custodian of records and funds; and ensure compliance with national and institutional policies.

ARTICLE VI – DISCIPLINE AND REMOVAL

1. Members may be removed for just cause by a three-fourths vote of the general membership with approval of the faculty advisor.

2. Members shall be afforded due process as outlined in chapter by-laws.
3. Appeals may be submitted to the national organization.

ARTICLE VII – TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Members transferring between institutions with ITA chapters shall remain eligible for membership, provided they meet local chapter eligibility requirements.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

The by-laws may be amended by the NATA and communicated to all active chapters.

ARTICLE IX – CHAPTER RECOGNITION

1. Chapters shall be recognized at institutions offering accredited athletic training programs or athletic training-related doctoral programs.
2. Chapters must operate in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of Iota Tau Alpha.
3. Recognition may be suspended or revoked if a chapter fails to comply with national requirements.