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**Continuing education.**

(A) Pursuant to section 4755.63 of the Revised Code, to renew an athletic trainers license, licensees shall complete:

(1) Not less than sixty hours of continuing education that meet the requirements of this rule; and

(2) At least one contact hour of ethics education per renewal cycle. The one hour ethics requirement may be fulfilled by any of the following:

(a) Attendance at a professional workshop, seminar, and/or conference at which at least one hour is spent addressing professional ethics;

(b) Self-study;

(c) Attendance at a presentation by the athletic trainers section; or

(d) Passage of the Ohio athletic training laws and rules examination in compliance with paragraph (C)(8) of this rule.

(B) The athletic trainers section shall determine if a continuing education activity meets the requirements of this rule. Continuing education is defined as participation in an organized continuing education experience under responsible sponsorship, capable direction, and qualified instruction. One contact hour equals sixty minutes. Pursuant to section 4755.63 of the Revised Code, six units equals sixty contact hours.

(1) Applications for prior approval of workshop or conference content by the athletic trainers section may be obtained by the workshop or conference sponsor from the board office. For prior approval, completed applications must be received by the section no later than ninety days prior to the date of the workshop or conference.

(2) If no other form of verification is used, licensees shall obtain from the board office verification of participation forms, which are to be signed by each presenter at the conclusion of each presentation. If a presentation is made by a panel of individuals, only one signature is required. Original continuing education certificates or other original documents indicating credits awarded may also be used as verification of participation.

(3) Continuing education hours shall exclude refreshment breaks, receptions and other social gatherings, and meals.

(C) Acceptable continuing education activities may include:

(1) Participation in professional workshops, seminars, and/or conferences.

(a) Credit is obtained by participating in presentations that have either been

approved by the athletic trainers section, sponsored by the national athletic trainers association, the national athletic trainers association board of certification, the great lakes athletic trainers association, or the Ohio athletic trainers association, or which otherwise meets all of the following criteria:

(i) Contributes directly to professional competency;

(ii) Relates directly to the clinical practice, management, or education of athletic training; and

(iii) Conducted by individuals who demonstrate expertise in the subject matter of the program.

(b) Proof of content shall be demonstrated by the original workshop or conference brochure, agenda, and/or other materials given to participants during the presentation and/or, if applicable, information documented on prior approval applications made with the board.

(c) A minimum of ten hours shall be earned under this category per renewal cycle. There is no limit on the number of continuing education hours that may be earned in this category.

(2) Presentations. To be eligible to receive continuing education credit for making a presentation, the presentation shall be:

(a) To health or education professionals and/or students; and

(b) Directly related to the clinical practice, management, or education of athletic training professionals.

Five hours will be awarded per presentation, with a maximum of ten hours per renewal cycle. Proof of having conducted the presentation is the workshop, conference, or seminar contract, the brochure, agenda or other printed materials describing the content and audience.

Continuing education credit will not be awarded for subsequent presentations of the same material.

(3) Publication of original work. Ten hours will be awarded per original publication in a state or national scientific journal or publication of a related professional organization. A maximum of twenty hours may be earned in this category per renewal cycle.

(4) Postgraduate courses. Any course completed after receiving a bachelors degree may be submitted for consideration by the athletic trainers section provided the course is directly related to the management, practice, or education of

athletic training. Proof of completion is an official transcript and a copy of the course description. Five contact hours will be awarded for each semester hour or equivalent accepted, with a maximum of forty hours per renewal cycle.

(5) Self-study. Formal self-study packages related to the practice of athletic training are acceptable. Proof of completion is the certificate from the self-study sponsors. A maximum of thirty hours may be earned in this category per renewal cycle.

(6) Certification in first aid shall be awarded five hours per renewal cycle.

(7) Certification in CPR shall awarded five hours per renewal cycle.

(8) Laws and rules examination. One contact hour may be earned for completing and passing the Ohio athletic training laws and rules examination. Proof of completion will be supplied by the section. This contact hour may be used to fulfill the ethics requirement established in paragraph (A)(2) of this rule.

(D) An athletic training license shall not be renewed unless the licensee signed their renewal application certifying that they completed the required number of continuing education hours specified in paragraph (A) of this rule.

A licensee who falsifies a renewal application may be disciplined by the athletic trainers section for violating division (A)(3) of section 4755.64 of the Revised Code.

(E) Records and documentation of continuing education activities, such as verification of participation forms, conference brochures, certificates, college or university transcripts or grade reports, articles, books, and/or apprenticeship evaluations shall be maintained by the licensee.

(F) The athletic trainers section shall conduct a random audit of the continuing education records of not less than five per cent of the licensees no later than the thirtieth day of June following the renewal deadline.

(1) Licensees chosen randomly shall submit documentation to support the continuing education activities within the timeframe specified by the athletic training section. After review of the records and documentation, if requested, the materials shall be returned to the licensee.

(2) A licensee who fails to comply with an audit request may be disciplined by the athletic trainers section for violating section 4755.64 of the Revised Code.

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