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A Busy Summer is Ahead...

I am very excited about the opportunities the Licensed Athletic Trainer will be exploring over the next few years. With the Governor signing our bill into law on May 9, 2011, the IATA has been diligently working on strategies for the membership to assist all members with the understanding, the implementation and the legality of the law as it relates to their work venue. A legal evaluation of the law has been completed, the task force has been reviewing the implications, the revenue committee of the IATA (under Kip Smith, Chair) has grown in size (including Mike Bayci, John Doherty and Brad Gerig), and educational sessions have been scheduled for the membership at the summer meeting and fall meeting. This will not be an overnight fix, but with dedication and foresight, I believe we will be a guiding light for reimbursement for the rest of the country.



John Locke, LAT, ATC

I was able to attend the GLATA Summer Meeting of the Executive Council on June 3 & 4. As your State Representative, I want to inform you of some of ‘the goings on’ in GLATA.

- The first topic of discussion which GLATA is asking for the membership’s opinion is the idea of splitting District 4 into two districts. There is an overview of this proposal discussed later in this newsletter. Please read the specifics and respond to the appropriate representatives with your thoughts.
- The second issue is the formation of the State Association Advisory Committee (SAAC) by the NATA. This committee is comprised of two individuals from the newly formed caucuses that include one representative from each state. Indiana’s representative will be the current Past President. The caucuses, four of them, are created by membership numbers of the states. Indiana is in the large state caucus (800 + members) with fellow GLATA members, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan. Please read the article that gives the overview of this new committee and caucuses mentioned later in this newsletter. I believe this is a significant move in order to highlight the opinions and the importance of the states.
- A third District topic is the new District 4 appointees to national offices. David Craig has accepted the Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee and

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Kip Smith has accepted to become the District's liaison to the NATA Foundation. Much kudos to both of these deserving members.

- I would also like to congratulate all of the District 4 award winners. Athletic Trainer Service Award winners were Paul Plummer and Craig Voll. Larry Leverenz will join the NATA Hall of Fame. Joe Harvey posthumously received the NATABOC Dan Libera Award. Joe Leuken from IU- Bloomington also received the Dan Libera Award. Scholarship Award winners included John Sinacore (NATA Foundation) from IU-Bloomington and Michele Lamb (GLATA Living Memorial Graduate) from Ball State University.

A quick reminder of elections for both GLATA and IATA, the GLATA offices include President-Elect and Secretary while the IATA offices are President-Elect, Treasurer and Secretary. If you are interested or know a member that is qualified, contact me for more information and the submission process. Our organization and association cannot survive without dedicated members willing to step into leadership roles. Indiana has been on the forefront of District leadership for many years and we need to continue this tradition.

I truly hope those of you that traveled to New Orleans for the national convention had an enjoyable time with family, friends and colleagues. Continuing to learn new and exciting things is very important in our profession. I believe the interaction between professionals is vital to the growth of our profession and our personal lives. Enjoy the remainder of the summer, and we hope to see you at the **Annual Golf Outing and Summer Symposium....**

Until next time, follow your heart and be a great service to others.

John Locke, EdD, LAT, ATC
President, IATA



State Association Advisory Committee

The NATA has developed a new committee to address the needs, wants and opinions of the States. This committee has been named the State Association Advisory Committee (SAAC). The committee will be chaired by a NATA Presidential appointment (to be announced at the National Symposium in New Orleans) and consist of eight members. There will be four caucuses formed and are based on membership numbers of each state. The four caucuses are broken down into states with fewer than 200 members, 200-500 members, 500-800 members, and over 800 members. The committee members will be selected from a pool of representatives in the four caucuses. Indiana will be in the fourth caucus along with fellow GLATA members: Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois. Two members of each caucus will represent the caucus on the SAAC. This is a change of the thought process within the NATA in regards to state representation.

The Past President will be the individual that will serve as Indiana's representative to the caucus. This individual will have at least four years of experience in Indiana leadership and GLATA issues (President-Elect and President). This experience will assist him/her in developing ideas and opinions in relation to the discussions in the caucus meetings as they relate to Indiana.

Any questions or concerns, please contact John Locke, President of the IATA.

CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS!

Please respond prior to August 25th deadline!

It is time to nominate colleagues for this year's IATA Awards that will be presented at the Fall Symposium's Awards Banquet. The following awards are open for nominations:

- Hall of Fame
- Athletic Trainer of the Year
 - High School Division
 - College/University Division
 - Clinical/Professional Division
- Athletic Director of the Year
- Distinguished Service Award

Award criteria and nomination forms can be found under the Awards Information tab on the IATA website. For nominations to be complete, please include a nomination form, nomination letter and the candidate's resume or curriculum vitae. If you have questions, please contact Bernie Stento, Honors and Awards Committee Chair, at bstento@duneland.k12.in.us or by phone at (219) 405-4878.

Also, please consider nominating a deserving colleague for NATA and GLATA awards. Indiana has always been a pioneering state in Athletic Training so there are many deserving candidates for these awards as well. Nomination forms and criteria can be found at the NATA and GLATA websites.

Bernie Stento, Honors and Awards Committee Chair
John Locke, President



GLATA to Investigate Becoming Two Districts

According to NATA Bylaws, if any district maintains 20% or more of its membership, it reserves the right to split into two districts. District IV has for many years exceeded this threshold, and is now considering this split. A GLATA work group has been formed to investigate the options for District IV. This split would allow for District XI to be formed, henceforth giving the six state regions governed by the Great Lakes Athletic Trainers' Association a second vote by adding another NATA District Director at the NATA Board of Directors meetings. In addition, the amount of any funds disbursed by the NATA (i.e., Career Center, Sponsorship) would total 2/11 of the total monies compared to the current 1/10. This is roughly an increase of 8%, which would then be distributed equally among the three states in each district. This is a great opportunity for District IV member states to be better represented nationally as well as benefitting better financially. In review, this move would benefit the District in the following ways: financially, voting representation and more visibility on a national level. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact your state representative to GLATA, John Locke (President of the IATA). You may additionally contact Paul Plummer (President-elect of GLATA), or Justin Miller (Treasurer of GLATA), both of which are on the special GLATA work group to investigate the feasibility of the split of District IV.

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IATA Governmental Affairs

*UPDATE May 9, 2011: House Bill 1467 has been signed by Governor Daniels. It goes into effect July 1, 2011.

Below is a synopsis of our Bill for Athletic Trainer Reimbursement:

“Requires reimbursement under a policy of accident and sickness insurance or health maintenance organization contract for certain services that are covered under the policy or contract and are provided by a licensed athletic trainer under the athletic trainer’s scope of practice.”

There were additional clarifications and minor exclusions to our Bill. This legislation applies to insurance written after June 30, 2011, or when the insurance policy renews. Understand there may be a phase in period for these reimbursement changes. You can view the entire HB 1467 at:

<http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2011/EH/EH1467.2.html>

There will be questions on how this applies specifically to you. Additional information will be coming from the IATA in the next few months. You may also contact IATA Governmental Affairs Chair, Rick Shaw.

Thank you to those who contacted and educated their legislators. Your active efforts made this possible. This is a landmark step for the profession of athletic training in Indiana.



IATA COMMITTEE ON REVENUE

HOUSE ENROLLED ACT (“HEA”) 1467-UPDATE JUNE 16, 2011

Since the passage and signing of HEA 1467 Athletic Trainer Reimbursement legislation, the IATA Executive Council thought it prudent to seek legal interpretation of the Bill in order to provide a consistent message to our membership regarding analysis and address some anticipated questions about implementation. The Executive Council sought the services of Allison Taylor, Esq, of Hall Render law firm in Indianapolis to write a legal guidance/interpretation of HEA 1467. The following is an overview of our Athletic Trainer Reimbursement legislation:

HEA 1467 Athletic Trainer Reimbursement Summary

Effective July 1, 2011, House Enrolled Act (“HEA”) 1467 will create opportunities for Licensed Athletic Trainers (“LAT”) to receive reimbursement from accident and sickness insurers and health maintenance organizations (“HMO”).

While the new law will not mandate or require reimbursement for particular services, it will make certain that insurers cannot avoid paying for otherwise covered services merely because the services were provided by LATs (assuming the services properly fall within the LAT scope of practice). It will also add LAT services to the list of potentially reimbursable HMO services.

1. Under current accident and sickness insurance statutes, “health care services” mean services rendered by a provider within the scope of practice of the provider’s license. This now includes services provided by LATs. Although Medicare does not cover LAT services, and this new law will not change Medicare’s policies, it will create opportunities for LATs to receive reimbursement from other insurers and HMOs.

2. HEA 1467 requires insurers that cover physical medicine and rehabilitative services to cover those services if they are provided by a LAT within the LAT scope of practice. This law takes away the ability of an insurer to refuse to cover services provided by LATs, if the insurer covers those services generally and the services fall within the LAT scope of practice.

a) In other words, HEA 1467 will not require insurers to reimburse for any particular service. The law simply states that if an insurer does cover certain services, it must reimburse for those services if provided by a LAT, provided the services are within the LAT scope of practice.

b) HEA 1467 will also add LAT services to the list of health care services potentially covered by HMOs which means LATs may go through the credentialing process to become a participating provider.

3. LATs interested in third-party reimbursement should prepare educational materials and form letters to begin communication with various stakeholders. Areas to cover in these discussions include: explanation of licensure and scope of practice, benefits and efficiencies of LAT services, and the existing or upcoming opportunity for reimbursement provided by HEA 1467.

a) Before entering the world of reimbursement, LATs must get the necessary institutional/employer approvals, prepare for a system of billing, prepare a process for medical documentation, consider and establish policies on patient privacy under the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (“HIPAA”), and consider a fee schedule for services, among others.

b) In the clinical setting, where LATs are already providing services as part of an existing health care team, the law will provide opportunities for new revenue streams with minimal change or disruption to existing practice arrangements. LATs and their employers should work together to contact insurers and HMOs early to discuss the upcoming changes. Attorneys, contract managers and billing managers in charge of the renewal and/or claims process should be informed of the amended law and should plan to negotiate accordingly.

c) Implementation of HEA 1467 will be gradual; it will apply to existing plans and contracts when they are renewed or amended and applying to new agreements after July 1, 2011.

Please keep in mind that scope of practice concerns, physician direction or referral/order requirements and other compliance issues are unaffected by this law – LATs must continue to meet the state and federal laws governing their services.

HEA 1467 presents a significant opportunity for LATs to receive third-party reimbursement and helps to secure their position in the health care market place. A significant outcome of this law requires payment if a policy already covers physical medicine and rehabilitation services and prevents insurers from denying payment merely because the services were provided by LATs.

Despite this, there are limitations. The law will not change existing federal limitations to reimbursement, it will not take immediate effect for all LATs, and it will not require HMOs to credential all willing LATs. Please keep in mind that scope of practice concerns, physician direction or referral/order requirements and other compliance issues are unaffected by this law – LATs must continue to meet the state and federal laws governing their services.

This document is meant to provide an analysis of HEA 1467 and address anticipated questions about implementation. As with any new law, questions and issues may arise as implementation unfolds. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kip Smith, Committee on Revenue Chair at wksmith@indiana.edu or 812-855-3621 or Paul Plummer at paulplummer@yahoo.com or 317-415-5999.

In addition the Committee on Revenue is in the process of revising, replacing and adding new materials to the IATA website regarding educational materials and documents that might help answer questions and help with reimbursement implementation.

High School Athletics Rule Changes - Basketball

Penalties for Fouls during Throw-ins Changed in High School Basketball

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Mary Struckhoff

INDIANAPOLIS, IN (July 1, 2011)

Penalties for fouls during throw-ins have been changed in high school basketball, effective with the 2011-12 season. The throw-in revision, as well as several other rules changes and editorial revisions, were approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Basketball Rules Committee at its April 11-13 meeting in Indianapolis. All rules changes recommended by the committee were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

Definitions within Rules 4-12-1, 4-12-2 and 4-12-6 were changed to reflect that team control will now exist during a throw-in once the thrower-in has the ball at his or her disposal. The new rule will no longer grant free throws to the defending team in the bonus if the throw-in team commits a foul.

“The advantage was too great because the throw-in team would lose possession and yield free throws under the previous rule,” said Mary Struckhoff, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the Basketball Rules Committee. “It was inconsistent with how this same play was being administered during non-throw-in situations.”

The committee also approved an editorial change to Rule 9-2-10, Penalty 4 to clarify that when an opponent contacts the thrower-in, an intentional foul will be charged to the offender. The defender will not have to have broken the plane to be charged with an intentional foul.

The committee edited Rule 1-3-1 to reflect the current basketball court design, which many high schools already use. The rule now permits at minimum a ¼-inch-wide single line and a line no wider than 2 inches for the center circle.

The committee also added Rule 3-5-3, which provides guidelines for arm compression sleeves. Sleeves may be white, black, beige or a single solid school color, and all sleeves must be the same color for each team member. Also, any manufacturer’s logos must not exceed 2¼ inches square.

In addition to the throw-in change to Rule 9-2-10, the committee approved several other editorial revisions, including reorganizing the definition of an intentional foul, clarifying when an alternating-possession throw-in shall be administered and clarifying penalty administration for when single fouls occur as part of a multiple free-throw situation.

Two other editorial changes to the Basketball Rules Book are ones that the NFHS Board of Directors has approved for use in all NFHS rules books.

The first rule extends the clerical duties of officials beyond the end of the game through the completion of any reports required from actions that occurred while the officials had jurisdiction.

The second authorizes state associations to grant exceptions to NFHS playing rules for participants with disabilities, special needs or extenuating circumstances.

Struckhoff said the committee again discussed requiring the use of a shot clock in high school basketball, as it has done for several years, but the committee did not approve the proposal.

“Even though there’s growing interest in using a shot clock, the general sense from the committee is that the time isn’t right,” Struckhoff said. “Given the current economic climate, it would be difficult for schools to comply with a rule requiring purchasing new equipment and hiring additional table personnel.”

A complete listing of all rules changes approved by the committee is available on the NFHS Web site at www.nfhs.org. Click on “Athletics & Fine Arts Activities” on the home page, and select “Basketball.”

Basketball is the second-most popular sport for girls and third-most popular for boys at the high school level, according to the 2009-10 High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS, with 439,550 girls and 540,207 boys participating nationwide. The sport ranks first in school sponsorship of girls and boys teams with 17,711 schools sponsoring the sport for girls and 17,969 sponsoring the sport for boys.

This press release was written by Steven Peek, the spring 2011 intern in the NFHS Publications/Communications Department and a senior at Butler (Indiana) University.

High School Athletics Rule Changes - Ice Hockey

Focus on Concussion Prevention and Flow of Game

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Dan Schuster

INDIANAPOLIS, IN (May 4, 2011)

No contact with an opposing player's head or neck area will be allowed at any time in high school ice hockey, effective with the 2011-12 school year. Any contact of that kind could result in a stand-alone minor or major penalty, or even a disqualification.

This was one of six rules changes approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Ice Hockey Rules Committee at its April 18-19 meeting in Indianapolis. The rules changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

The change to Rule 6-8 was made to heighten awareness of the seriousness of any type of contact to the head, as well as that of any action that might cause a concussion, much like the potential of serious injury caused by checking from behind.

"Removal of language allowing officials discretion in administering penalties from Rule 6-8 regarding contact to the head places additional emphasis on head or neck contact to an opposing player," said Tom Shafranski, chair of the rules committee and an assistant director of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. "It is the hope of the committee that this stricter language will further address concussion management, rough play and the overall well-being of a player's health in high school ice hockey."

The committee also revised Rule 6-29-2, which now allows play to continue after a shot on goal, resulting in a delayed offside.

The committee removed language from the rule and added a note stating, "If the puck enters the defending team's goal during a delayed offside or immediately after the offside, the goal is disallowed."

The revised rule will allow play to continue, allow a defensive player to gain possession of the puck and advance the puck up the ice, and allow the game to continue without a faceoff.

"The present rule is a disadvantage to the defensive team because it provides the attacking team a faceoff," said Dan Schuster, NFHS Education Program Specialist and liaison to the Ice Hockey Rules Committee. "The change will add flow to the game, eliminating unnecessary stoppages in play."

The addition of Rule 2-3-4 requires teams to remain in their respective bench areas until the referee signals the players to proceed directly to their respective dressing rooms.

The intent of this new rule is to decrease the potential of conflict between the teams at the end of a period.

"The committee felt it unnecessary for teams to cross paths after periods and wanted to minimize the opportunity for unsportsmanlike behavior," Schuster said.

The committee also changed Rule 6-39-1, which will allow all regular-season games to be played under overtime procedures adopted by the respective state high school associations.

Two final changes to the ice hockey rules book are revisions that the NFHS Board of Directors has approved for use in all NFHS rules books.

The first rule extends the clerical duties of officials beyond the end of the game through the completion of any reports required from actions that occurred while the officials had jurisdiction.

The second authorizes state associations to grant exceptions to NFHS playing rules for participants with disabilities, special needs or extenuating circumstances.

"The rules revisions approved by the 2011 NFHS Ice Hockey Rules Committee reflect the current stability of high school ice hockey," Shafranski said. "The NFHS has been at the forefront of national organizations in emphasizing the importance of recognizing and properly managing concussions, as well as educating individuals associated with the game regarding such practices."

This press release was written by Steven Peek, the spring 2011 intern in the NFHS Publications/Communications Department and a senior at Butler (Indiana) University.

About the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)

The NFHS, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the national leadership organization for high school sports and fine arts activities. Since 1920, the NFHS has led the development of education-based interscholastic sports and fine arts activities that help students succeed in their lives. The NFHS sets direction for the future by building awareness and support, improving the participation experience, establishing consistent standards and Rules for competition, and helping those who oversee high school sports and activities. The NFHS writes playing Rules for 17 sports for boys and girls at the high school level. Through its 50 member state associations and the District of Columbia, the NFHS reaches more than 19,000 high schools and 11 million participants in high school activity programs, including more than 7.5 million in high school sports. As the recognized national authority on interscholastic activity programs, the NFHS conducts national meetings; sanctions interstate events; produces publications for high school coaches, officials and athletic directors; sponsors professional organizations for high school coaches, officials, spirit coaches, speech and debate coaches and music adjudicators; serves as the national source for interscholastic coach training; and serves as a national information resource of interscholastic athletics and activities. For more information, visit the NFHS Web site at www.nfhs.org.

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10 Day Practice Rule Clarification

Athletes returning from injury and trying to meet the 10 day practice rule in order to participate may count practices in which they are working with an athletic trainer for part of the practice and then participating in practice drills even though there may be some restrictions from the MD and they are not fully released. This is also true if they are returning from injury and trying to meet the 4 or 6 day rule. Here is the quote from Robert Faulkens at the IHSAA.

"If the sessions with the trainer are concurrent with and in proximity to practice, they count. If practice is partially drills and partially treatment, yes. If all of the time is spent in the training room and not participating in practice, no." In another email, he also said this, "This assumes the athlete is an actual participant in the practice and not just an attendee."

When Scott Lawrence asked Robert this question, Scott used the phrase "sideline activities" with the athletic trainer. Robert said that that would count.



Scholarship Update

Thomas A. Brady - Comeback Scholarship

The Education Committee of the Indiana Athletic Trainers' Association (IATA) will award a total of three \$1000 scholarships to deserving undergraduate and graduate athletic training students who are IATA members. Typically, two scholarships are awarded to undergraduate athletic training students, and one scholarship is awarded to a certified athletic trainer pursuing a graduate degree.

Application Deadline is October 1

For more information or to download the scholarship nomination form, please visit www.iata-usa.org

History & Archives

The IATA History and Archives Committee has been busy working to archive our IATA history collection. Thanks to all who have contributed memorabilia items, photos, documents and other items to help preserve our rich IATA history.

The History and Archives Committee needs / welcomes member volunteers to help with our archiving project. If interested, please contact Marion Vrugink vrugginkm@wl.k12.in.us . Your involvement would require a few or many (your choice) trips to West Lafayette to meet for a few hours (usually on Sunday afternoons) until we get our archiving project done. This would be a great way to become involved with our state association along with an opportunity to take a sweet trip down memory lane to enjoy learning all that has been accomplished to make the profession of athletic training in Indiana what it is today!

If you have items to donate, please send to: Marion Vrugink, West Lafayette Jr./Sr. High School, 1105 North Grant Street, West Lafayette, IN 47906. All staples should be removed from documents. Paper clips are acceptable for now. If you label any photos or documents, please use # 2 lead pencil.

Test your memory.....Can you answer these history questions?

1. Do you know what year the IATA was established as an association?
2. Who was the first IATA member inducted into the Hall of Fame?
3. How many IATA Presidents can you name? Hint: there are 14?

Answers to History Questions: 1. 1984 2. William "Pinky" Newell 3. David Craig, Ralph Reiff, Jack Mansfield, Steve Risinger, Sherm Izsak, Mike Ferrara, Rick Shaw, Kip Smith, Katie Grove, Joe Harvey, Ned Shannon, Paul Plummer, Craig Voll and John Locke



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July 13-14, 2011*

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Indianapolis, IN

Registration is open on the IATA website!



Licensed Athletic Trainers Political Action Committee (LAT-PAC)

Why was LAT-PAC formed?

LAT-PAC was formed to empower Indiana Athletic Trainers to be more involved in the determination of state laws and policies. IATA decided to create a mechanism that would allow the athletic trainer profession to channel its financial and grassroots support to help elect candidates to the state legislature who are responsive to the athletic trainer profession's goals and viewpoints.

The purposes of the LAT-PAC:

- Increase the awareness of the profession of athletic training to legislators within the State of Indiana;
- Utilize the political process to the advantage of the IATA;
- Further the interest of the IATA by endorsing candidates and contribute funds to endorsed candidates;
- Encourage athletic trainers to be active participants in the governmental process and lastly;
- Organize fund raising events to support future LAT-PAC legislative efforts.

I already pay NATA & IATA dues! Why contribute to LAT-PAC?

- NATA & IATA dues can not be used for contributions to candidates
- LAT-PAC helps us influence individuals who support IATA views to the state legislature
- LAT-PAC provides vital access to Members of the Indiana State Legislature and their staff to talk about legislative and regulatory issues
- Other groups have PACs. Let the athletic trainer profession be the voice of ATCs, not some other occupation or group

LAT-PAC (Licensed Athletic Trainers Political Action Committee): PAC Members

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