

OKLAHOMA ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION

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Dear Milt,

First let me take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation with the restructuring of the high school student athletic training aid and licensed athletic trainer selection process. I feel that this new beginning that will not only benefit the Oklahoma Coaches Association (OCA), but also continue in our efforts to foster the ongoing relationship with the Oklahoma Athletic Trainers' Association (OATA). These relationships will positively impact both organizations, but most importantly will result in better care for the OCA All-State student-athletes.

Below is a proposal which details the selection of the student athletic training aide, the adult licensed athletic trainer, and outlines the composition of the selection committee. Please note some of the terminology has changed; the *athletic training student* has been changed to *student athletic training aide* and the *adult athletic trainer* has been changed to *licensed athletic trainer*. This new terminology follows new guidelines set forth by the National Athletic Trainers' Association. All decisions will be reached collaboratively between the selection committee and the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Coaches Association.

Student Athletic Training Aide Selection

- Students must be nominated by a member of the OCA and/or OATA. This member can be a coach who is a member in good standing with the OCA or a licensed athletic trainer who is good standing with the OATA.
- There will be a total of 8 student athletic training aides, four from the east and four from the west.
- There maybe only 2 students nominated from each school. Every effort should be made to choose only one from each school, however if there is a second candidate from a particular school who is evaluated better than another than that student can be chosen.
- In the event there is no eligible student athletic training aide for a particular region, the selection committee with will have the final decision on the selection.
- Student athletic trainer aides will be evaluated on the following criteria:
 - Application, which will include: years of experience, sports assisted with (assisted with a sport is defined as assisting with sport for the entire season to include practices and competitions), athletic training camps attended, and if assisted with a licensed athletic trainer at school.
 - Student will submit with their applications 3 letters of recommendation; should include a letter from a team physician and/or licensed athletic trainer, or healthcare professional, and a Head Coach of a respective sport. Recommendations will not be accepted from family members.
 - Student athletic trainer aides will be evaluated on their demonstration of the following skills: (1) taping an ankle, (2) taping a hand, wrist and thumb, (3) applying a shoulder spica with ice bag using an ace wrap. Skills demonstration must be submitted on a DVD along with their application.
- Students must have their application and DVD submitted to the offices of the OCA by a date determined by the OCA.

Licensed Athletic Trainer Selection

- At the beginning of each year the OATA will purchase two memberships to the OCA. These memberships will be to cover a licensed athletic trainer who is chosen by selection committee and is not a current member of the OCA.
- The licensed athletic trainer must be a member of the OCA and/or OATA and be in good standing with either organization.
- The licensed athletic trainer will be chosen by the All-State Selection Committee. The licensed athletic trainer can be nominated by either a member of the OCA and/or member of the OATA.
- There will be two licensed athletic trainers selected. One licensed athletic trainer will provide healthcare services to the East student-athletes and the other the West student-athletes.
- The licensed athletic trainer will be responsible for the care, prevention, treatment and management of all athletic injuries incurred during the Oklahoma All-State Games.
- The licensed athletic trainer will be available to student-athletes during all practices and competitions.

All-State Selection Committee

- The selection committee will be made up of three secondary school licensed athletic trainers from the east and three secondary school licensed athletic trainers from the west. The OATA Secondary School Committee Chair will head this committee. The committee chair will only vote in the event of a tie during selections.
- The committee will meet at the offices of the OCA no more than one week after applications are due to select the student athletic training aide and licensed athletic trainer.

Again thank you for your time in reviewing this proposal, if at anytime you have any questions and or changes you would like to see please do not hesitate to contact me; you can reach me in my office at 918-357-7493 or on my cell at 918-852-2066. I look forward to hearing from you.

In good health,

Dan Newman MS, ATC, LAT
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Oklahoma Coaches' Association

2010 All-State Student Athletic Training Aide Selection Plan

After reviewing the selection criteria and procedures, mail your nomination form and DVD to the following address; upon receipt the selection committee will review the application and DVD to make the final selection of the All-State Student Athletic Training Aides.

Oklahoma Coaches' Association
8080 Crystal Park Drive
Oklahoma City, OK 73139

If there are any questions, please contact the OCA office @ 405-635-9300.

Procedure

1. **Nominations and DVD must be received on or before (date TBD).**
2. Four student athletic training aides will be selected from each side of the state.
3. These student athletic training aides will be afforded the opportunity to serve as student athletic training aides for the All-State games. They must be available to assist the licensed athletic trainer the entire week of the All-State Games.
4. These student athletic training aides will be awarded the All-State ring and other All-State honors only by accepting the invitation to participate and abiding by the rules and policies of the Oklahoma Coaches' Association. Each student will receive an All-State ring award **only** if they participate in the entire week's events.

Criteria

1. Completed application and signed by a member of the OCA and/or OATA.
2. Application to include:
 - a. Years of experience
 - b. Sports assisted with
 - c. Athletic training camp attendance
3. Must include three letters of recommendation, one letter must be from a physician, licensed athletic trainer, or healthcare professional. Letters may not be from family members.
4. Demonstration of the following techniques (must be filmed on DVD):
 - a. Taping an ankle
 - b. Taping a wrist, hand and thumb
 - c. Applying a shoulder spica with ice bag using an ace wrap

Instructions

1. Coaches or licensed athletic trainers may nominate two senior student athletic training aides from each school.
2. Coaches or licensed athletic trainer will provide a completed nomination form and DVD showing techniques for each nominee. **All videos must be in DVD format.**
3. Film and completed nomination form must be received in the OCA office on or before (date TBD).

Selection Committee

The selection committee will be comprised of licensed athletic trainers and headed by the OATA Secondary Schools Committee Chair. The selection committee will review the DVD and applications and select the All-State student athletic training aides. The selection committee will meet no later than one week after the due date of the applications.