American Osteopathic Association of Sports Medicine
Student Chapter
ATSU-KCOM

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME
The name of the organization shall be Student Chapter of American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine – at ATSU-KCOM. National AOASM must approve variations of the name.

Article II – STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
The American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine is a national organization promoting the role of the osteopathic physician in sports medicine. The student chapter at the College provides exposure to the field of sports medicine through guest speaker, conferences, medical coverage at local sports events, and hands-on training in various labs including but not limited to taping and casting labs.

ARTICLE III- OBJECTIVES
The objectives of the SCAOASM shall be:
1) To provide the education and the application of sports medicine to the osteopathic medical student and other allied health students. 
2) To promote health, fitness, education and safety in the community.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP
Section 1.
Student membership to the AOASM shall be open to persons fulfilling the following:

Section 2.
Criteria for membership shall be:
1) Full-time student of an accredited osteopathic medical school or affiliate school as given permission by the AOASM Student Committee. Affiliate members include: physical therapy, massage therapy, chiropractic, physician assistant, athletic trainers, and/or college students.
2) Good academic standing according to school policy.

Section 3.
Any member not fulfilling the criteria shall be suspended from participating in AOASM student chapter events. He/she may be reinstated before the expiration of one (1) year by fulfilling criteria for membership. The AOASM Student Committee reserves the right to suspend schools that are not in compliance with SCAOASM by-laws.

ARTICLE V- OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES
Section 1. President
1) Oversee activity of AOASM student chapter.
2) Required to attend the National AOASM meeting or appoint someone on his/her behalf.
3) Shall be responsible for appointing all committee chairpersons (i.e. fundraising chair.)
4) Shall be responsible for enforcing the requirements of membership.

Section 2. Vice President
1) Shall assist the President in all activities and assume the duties of the President in his/her absence
2) Shall be responsible for overseeing all sub-committees within the school’s chapter.

Section 3. Secretary
1) Shall be responsible for all correspondence with the AOASM Regional Representative
2) Shall keep accurate records of the proceedings of the monthly meetings of the membership. A hard copy of the minutes should be available to all members and National AOASM.
3) Copies of the minutes of all meetings shall be given to each Executive Board member, to the chapter advisor, and be made available to all members through digital or hard copy.
4) Maintain KCOM Sport Medicine Google Drive account

Section 4. Treasurer
1) Responsible for the funds of the chapter
2) Be responsible for the collection of dues
3) Maintain a list of those members in good standing
4) Keep a record of those expenditures authorized by the Executive Committee and the membership.

Section 5. Risk Manager
1) Responsible for confirming that club activities are appropriately supervised when required.
2) Responsible for confirming club activities meet university requirements.
3) Help other officers with general responsibilities.

Section 6.
An officer may be removed from office upon a 75% vote of total membership following a review by Executive Committee and the SCAOASM advisor.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS
Meetings of the membership shall be held at least 6 times during the academic year and be held at such time and place as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII – ELECTIONS
Section 1.
All elections will be held annually during the scheduled meeting times at a time during the academic year. Elections will be held for the following positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Risk Manager. Positions will be held for a period of 1 academic year.

Section 2.
Members shall retain the right of nomination at the meeting upon which the election falls.

Section 3.
Elections shall be held during spring quarter / semester of the academic year.

Section 4.
A majority (50%+1) shall be necessary to elect, providing a quorum is present. (Quorum shall consist of 50% of membership of Bridge, first, second, and third year student members). Some schools will modify this since third and fourth years may not be on campus.

Section 5.
Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected to serve for one year, or until their successors are elected and installed.

Section 6.
Once the membership has been established for the current year, first year members may self-nominate to become one of two First Year Representatives to be voted on by members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII – FEES AND DUES
The Executive Committee of each individual SCAOASM shall determine the annual membership dues.

ARTICLE IX – ADVISOR
In accordance with the policies established by each osteopathic college, there shall be an advisor from the school’s faculty appointed for one year by the Executive Committee of each SCAOASM. The advisor must be an osteopathic or allopathic physician who is an advocate of the integration between osteopathic medicine and sports medicine. If such a physician is not available, a KCOM faculty member may assume advisor responsibilities.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS
Notification to amend these by-laws shall be addressed to the membership at the following scheduled monthly meeting. A majority vote (50% + 1) of the members present shall be required to amend these by-laws, providing a quorum is present. A copy of amended by-laws should be sent to Regional AOASM Representatives.

ARTICLE XI – RULES OF ORDER
The Robert’s Rules of Order shall prevail.

ARTICLE XII – NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY
KCOM Sports Medicine Club does not deny membership or discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or veteran status; except that a) an organization created primarily for religious purposes may restrict that right to vote or hold office to persons who subscribe to the organization’s statement of purpose, and b) an organization may restrict membership based on the provisions of Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972.

ARTICLE XIII – RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY
All events sponsored by KCOM Sports Medicine Club or any event the student organization is associated with, including off-campus events, must be in compliance, as stated below:

Section 1. Alcohol/ Illegal Drugs
No member of the student organization shall take part in acts that are illegal and/or abusive as it relates to alcohol and drugs and/or activities that violate the rules of ATSU. If any member is found participating in such acts, we, the members, reserve the right to take all necessary actions to correct this behavior for the betterment of the organization.

The possession, use, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages during any organization event, any event that an observer would associate with the University, or in any situation sponsored or endorsed by the organization, must be in compliance with any and all applicable laws, policies, and regulations of the state, county, city, and ATSU. The unlawful possession, sale and/or use of any illegal drugs or controlled substances at any organization-sponsored event, or at any event that an observer would associate with the organization, is strictly prohibited. The organization shall not use or condone the use of alcoholic beverages/illegal drugs as part of their membership intake recruitment or education programs.

Section 2. Hazing

No member of the student organization shall take part in hazing activities, and if any member is found participating in such acts, we, the members, reserve the right to take all necessary actions to correct this behavior for the betterment of the organization.

Hazing activities are defined as (but not limited to): any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off organization premises or during organization functions, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule.

Section 3. Transportation and Travel

Members of the student organization shall strictly obey all applicable motor vehicle laws and rules of ATSU as it relates to transportation. Operators will ensure that vehicles are not overloaded and are driven in a safe manner. Rental vehicles shall be operated in accordance with rental contracts.

Section 4. Sexual Harassment/ Abuse

Members of the student organization strictly prohibit the act of sexual harassment/abuse discrimination, in any form. No member shall take part in activities deemed sexual harassment and/or abuse discrimination, and if any member is found participating in such acts, we, the members, reserve the right to take all necessary actions to correct this behavior for the betterment of the organization.

The organization will not tolerate or condone any form of abusive or discriminatory behavior on the part of its members, whether physical, mental, or emotional in respect to sex, race, ethnicity, physical or emotional handicap, age, marital status, or sexual orientation. This includes any actions not limited to sexual assault, verbal harassment, or deemed demeaning to all.

Any member who witnesses discriminatory behavior, or is informed of incidents of discrimination, sexual harassment, and/or related retaliation involving faculty, staff, or students should contact Lori Haxton, Vice President of Student Affairs, on the Missouri campus or Beth Poppre, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs on the Arizona campus.
I have reviewed the by-laws and agree to abide by them (please print your name under position if you accept the by-laws)

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President

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Vice-President

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Treasurer

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Secretary

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Risk Manager