

Athletic Training Challenge Participation Rules

Mission Statement

To recognize students for their studies in athletic training, to promote sports medicine careers and promote a community of cooperation amongst the state athletic training programs.

Support

New Mexico Activities Association and New Mexico Athletic Trainers Association have joined forces to promote the event. NMAA provides \$1000.00 and NMATA provides \$200.00 towards the event. All decisions and financial records must be organized through the two associations in concordance with the respective policies and procedures.

Timelines for Host Site / ATC

1. Host location set by January. The date of the event is not to conflict with State athletic events. Sunday's are preferred to accommodate participant athletic training responsibilities.
2. State Athletic Trainers notified of event date / location and provided with application and curriculum guide by February.
3. Confirmed response and student applications from participating programs required one (1) month in advance of event to allow Zia Graphics time to print state T-shirts. All invoices sent to NMAA c/o Rudy Aragon.
4. Trophies ordered six (6) weeks in advance from NMAA supplier. All invoices sent to NMAA c/o Rudy Aragon.
5. No event fee is charged to the participating students. Meal fees are allowed.

Format

- ❖ 100 question multiple-choice exam.
- ❖ 2-3 practical questions. No oral components.
- ❖ 5-7 Olympic activities organized in a relay format.
- ❖ Athletic Training promotion and education component.

General Procedures

- ❖ The event is an 8am – 5pm event with a break for lunch.
- ❖ An athletic trainer / sponsor must accompany each participating school. Participants from programs without a licensed athletic trainer must gain sponsorship from a licensed athletic trainer. Sponsoring signature is required on such applications. Sponsors will participate by proctoring the Challenge events.
- ❖ Each participating school can field up to 3 teams of 4 for a total of 12 students.
- ❖ Composite scores of the written and practical portions of the challenge determine individual and team state champions.
- ❖ Each school must have a 4-person team, identified during event registration, to compete for the team championship. Each school can only win one team award

regardless of the number of teams entered. Each placing team is awarded an NMAA team trophy.

- ❖ Individual placers can represent any school (it is possible one school can earn 1st, 2nd & 3rd place individual). Each placer is awarded a NMAA plaque.
- ❖ Written and practical question are taken from the following texts: Essentials of Athletic Training, Principles of Athletic Training, Fundamentals of Athletic Training, Introduction to Sports Medicine and Athletic Training, Concepts of Athletic Training & Cramer's Basic Athletic Training text. Digital copies of previous tests are available to the host and be used as a test bank.
- ❖ The Olympic relay utilizes a mixed-team format where each team is comprised of 4 members from different schools. The event is timed with the lowest three times placing. Penalties are deducted for team errors. Each member of the 3 placing team is awarded a NMAA medallion.
- ❖ The educational component is used to promote the profession. Format is up to the host athletic trainer (guest speakers, educational videos, student presentations, taping labs, etc.).