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PUBLIC CENSURE of FORMER NATA MEMBER

The Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE) of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) has terminated the NATA membership of Mr. Brandon Martino.

COPE has also ordered a public censure of Mr. Martino due to a finding of the following violations of the NATA Code of Ethics:

1. Members Shall Practice with Compassion, Respecting the Rights, Well-being, and Dignity of Others

> 1.2. Member's duty to the patient is the first concern, and therefore members are obligated to place the well-being and long-term well-being of their patient above other groups and their own self-interest, to provide competent care in all decisions, and advocate for the best medical interest and safety of their patient at all times as delineated by professional statements and best practices.

2. Members Shall Comply With the Laws and Regulations Governing the Practice of Athletic Training, National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) Membership Standards, and the NATA Code of Ethics

> 2.1. Members shall comply with applicable local, state, federal laws, and any state athletic training practice acts.

> 2.2. Members shall understand and uphold all NATA Standards and the Code of Ethics.

> 2.3. Members shall refrain from, and report illegal or unethical practices related to athletic training.

4. Members Shall Not Engage in Conduct That Could Be Construed as a Conflict of Interest, Reflects Negatively on the Athletic Training Profession, or Jeopardizes a Patient's Health and Well-Being.

> 4.1. Members should conduct themselves personally and professionally in a manner that does not compromise their professional responsibilities or the practice of athletic training.

> 4.5. Members shall not provide or publish false or misleading information, photography, or any other communications in any media format, including on any social media platform, related to athletic training that negatively reflects the profession, other members of the NATA, NATA officers, and the NATA office.

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