



BOARD OF CERTIFICATION
FOR THE ATHLETIC TRAINER

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September 25, 2017

Elizabeth A Dudek

Belchertown, MA

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dear Ms. Dudek:

Please be advised that the Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) Professional Practice and Discipline Committee (Committee) has rendered the following decision with respect to the charge that you violated Codes 2.2 and 3.12 of the *Code of Professional Responsibility (COPR)* section of the *BOC Standards of Professional Practice*.

In a Charge letter dated August 22, 2017, the BOC informed you that the Committee had determined that good cause existed to believe that you have violated Codes 2.2 and 3.12 of the COPR section of the *BOC Standards of Professional Practice* based on the fact that you were non-compliant with the Decision letter with respect to the charge that you violated Codes 2.2 and 3.12 of the BOC *Code of Professional Responsibility* section of the *BOC Standards of Professional Practice* by not complying with the sanction of providing proof of completion of a course in professional ethics. To date, you still have not yet complied with the sanction of providing proof of completion of a course in professional ethics.

Factual Findings

1. January 5, 2017, the BOC mailed you a Decision letter with respect to the charge that you violated Codes 2.3 and 3.9 of the *BOC Code of Professional Responsibility (COPR)* section of the *BOC Standards of Professional Practice*. The Decision letter stated, "the Committee has issued you the sanctions of a Private Censure and a course in professional ethics may be emailed, mailed or faxed and must be received by the BOC no later than March 31, 2017." The letter was mailed via certified mail and per the USPS website was Delivered, Left with Individual January 9, 2017 4:16pm.
2. April 24, 2017, the BOC emailed you a reminder regarding the ethics course. The BOC did not receive a response from you.
3. April 25, 2017 the BOC mailed you a Notice of Investigation giving you 15 days for a response as proof of completion of ethics course had not been received. The BOC did not receive a response from you.
4. July 19, 2017, the BOC mailed you a Consent Agreement for suspension of your certification until you provided proof of completion of a course in professional ethics. The letter was signed for as received. The BOC did not receive a response from you.
5. August 22, 2017, the BOC mailed you a Charge letter via certified mail. This letter was signed for as received. The BOC did not receive a response from you.

Conclusions

Based on the lack of response to BOC notifications, the Committee determined that the facts above are valid and that such actions violate Codes 2.2 and 3.12 of the COPR section of the BOC Standards of Professional Practice:

Code 2.2: The BOC certified athletic trainer complies with the most current BOC recertification policies and requirements.

Code 3.12: The BOC certified athletic trainer cooperates with BOC investigations into alleged illegal or unethical activities. Cooperation includes, but is not limited to, provided candid, honest, and timely responses to requests for information.

As a result, the Committee has issued the following sanctions regarding your certification:

Your certification status is considered Suspended. Suspension of a BOC certification is considered public information and may be published or otherwise disclosed by the BOC. Pursuant to Section 10 of the BOC Guidelines, upon execution of this Decision Letter, you are required to return by traceable mail your BOC certification card to the BOC office within 10 calendar days. Further, while your certification is Suspended, you are not authorized to do the following:

1. Represent yourself to the public as a practicing Certified Athletic Trainer or use the certification marks "ATC" or C.A.T." following your name; or
2. Serve as an item writer for the BOC certification exam; or
3. Serve as a supervisor of students who are satisfying the athletic training requirements for certification eligibility.

Your certification status will remain Suspended until you comply with the sanction of providing proof of completion of a course in professional ethics administered by a BOC Approved Provider. Any request for reinstatement of certification must be reviewed by a Reinstatement Panel.

Ms. Dudek, this matter will remain a part of your BOC certification file and may be used for the purpose of determining sanctions in any future matters that come before the BOC Professional Practice and Discipline Committee or other Disciplinary Panels. You have the right to appeal a decision made by the Committee. An appeal must be received by the BOC within thirty (30) days of receipt of this decision. The appeal must be written and addressed to the BOC Executive Director. For details regarding the appeal process, please see the enclosed procedures.

Sincerely,



Shannon Fleming, MA, ATC
Director of Credentialing and Regulatory Affairs

cc: BOC Professional Practice and Discipline Committee
BOC Counsel
Massachusetts Division of Professional Licensure/Board of Allied Health Professions

Enclosures: *BOC Standards of Professional Practice*
Professional Practice and Discipline Guidelines and Procedures