



BOARD OF CERTIFICATION FOR THE ATHLETIC TRAINER

May 16, 2019

Daniel O'Keefe
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Ponte Vedra, FL [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. O'Keefe:

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 3.13 and 3.16 of the Code of Professional Responsibility (COPR) section of the BOC Standards of Professional Practice.

In a Charge letter dated April 10, 2019, the BOC informed you that the Committee had determined that good cause existed to believe that you have violated Codes 3.13 and 3.16 of the COPR section of the *BOC Standards of Professional Practice* based on the fact that you have not provided proof of completion of a course in professional ethics per the Consent Agreement you entered into with the BOC October 19, 2018.

Factual Findings

1. October 18, 2018, you entered into a Consent Agreement with a Private Censure and a course in professional ethics administered by a BOC Approved Provider (Provider) as this was your 2nd offense for earning Continuing Education Units after the December 31st deadline date. Proof of completion of the ethics course was to be received by the BOC no later than January 31, 2019.
2. October 18, 2018, the BOC emailed you instructions on how to find ethics courses on our website.
3. February 6, 2019, the BOC emailed you as we had not received proof of completion of an ethics course.
4. February 15, 2019, the BOC mailed you an Investigation Notice as you had not provided proof of completion of an ethics course. The BOC did not receive a response from you.
5. April 10, 2019, the BOC mailed you a Charge letter via Certified mail giving you thirty days for a response. Per the information on the USPS website, April 13, 2019 this letter was delivered to an individual at 11:38am. 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 3.8 of the COPR section of the BOC Standards of Professional Practice:

Code 3.13: The BOC certified athletic trainer cooperates with BOC investigations into alleged illegal or unethical activities. Cooperation includes, but is not limited to, providing candid, honest and timely responses to requests for information.

Code 3.16: The BOC certified athletic trainer Complies with all conditions and requirements arising from certification restrictions or disciplinary actions taken by the BOC, including, but not limited to, conditions and requirements contained in decision letters and consent agreement entered into pursuant to Section 4 of the *BOC Professional Practice and Discipline Guideline and Procedures*.

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. 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" 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.

You may petition for reinstatement once you can provide the BOC with proof of completion of a course in professional ethics administered by a BOC Approved Provider.

Mr. O'Keefe, 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 Chief Executive Officer. For details regarding the appeal process, please see the enclosed procedures.

Sincerely,



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

cc: BOC Professional Practice and Discipline Committee
BOC Counsel
Florida Department of Health/Board of Athletic Trainers

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