

311.900 Definitions for KRS 311.900 to 311.928.

As used in KRS 311.900 to 311.928:

- (1) "Athlete" means an individual, referee, coach, or athletic staff member who participates in sports, games, or recreational activities requiring physical strength, agility, flexibility, range of motion, speed, or stamina, and who is associated with a sport, game, or recreational activity that is conducted in association with an educational institution or professional, amateur, or recreational sports club or organization;
- (2) "Athletic injury" means:
 - (a) An injury or condition, excluding medical conditions such as internal infections, internal injuries, fractures, and spinal cord injuries except in an acute situation sustained by an athlete that affects the individual's participation or performance in sports, games, or recreation; or
 - (b) An injury or condition that is within the scope of practice of an athletic trainer identified by a physician licensed under KRS Chapter 311, a physical therapist licensed under KRS Chapter 327, an occupational therapist licensed under KRS Chapter 319A, or a chiropractor licensed under KRS Chapter 312 that is likely to benefit from athletic training services that have been approved by a physician supervising the athletic trainer;
- (3) "Athletic trainer" means a person with specific qualifications, as set forth in KRS 311.900 to 311.928 who is certified to practice athletic training and who, upon the supervision of a physician licensed under KRS Chapter 311, carries out the practice of preventing, recognizing, evaluating, managing, disposing, treating, reconditioning, or rehabilitating athletic injuries. In carrying out these functions, the certified athletic trainer may use physical modalities, such as heat, light, sound, cold, or electricity, or mechanical devices. A certified athletic trainer shall practice only in those areas in which he or she is competent by reason of his or her training or experience;
- (4) "Council" means the Kentucky Athletic Trainers Advisory Council;
- (5) "Board" means the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure;
- (6) "Supervising physician" means a physician licensed by the board; and
- (7) "Supervision" means advising, consenting to, and directing the activities of an athletic trainer through written or oral orders by a physician licensed to practice under KRS Chapter 311. Each team of physicians and athletic trainers shall ensure that the referral of athletic injuries is appropriate to the athletic trainer's level of training and experience.

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