

311.900 Definitions for KRS 311.900 to 311.928. (Effective January 1, 2021)

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;
- (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 this chapter, 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 healthcare provider with specific qualifications, as set forth in KRS 311.900 to 311.928, who is licensed to practice athletic training and who, upon the supervision of a physician licensed under this chapter, carries out the practice of preventing, recognizing, evaluating, managing, disposing, treating, reconditioning, or rehabilitating athletic injuries. In carrying out these functions, the licensed athletic trainer may use physical modalities, such as heat, light, sound, cold, or electricity, or mechanical devices. A licensed athletic trainer shall practice only in those areas in which he or she is competent by reason of his or her training, experience, and certifications, including treatment of an injury or condition that is within the scope of practice of an athletic trainer and approved by a physician licensed under this chapter;
- (4) "Board" means the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure;
- (5) "Council" means the Kentucky Athletic Trainers Advisory Council;
- (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 this chapter. 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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