

MISSOURI SPORTS MASSAGE TEAM

The mission of the Missouri Sports Massage Team (MSMT) is to set high standards of excellence in the theory and practice of Sports Massage Therapy. Sponsored by the Missouri chapter of the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA), the MSMT consists of massage therapists who have an interest in providing quality massage therapy to athletes participating in sporting events throughout Missouri.

Requirements for Team Membership:

1. To become a professional or student member in the MSMT, you must be appropriately licensed and carry your own liability insurance. Applications will be sent, for approval, to the state director of the MSMT. Those applicants who are not approved for membership can petition the AMTA Missouri State Chapter President for reconsideration.
2. Professional and student members must have completed a minimum of twelve (12) hours of Sports Massage Therapy training, of which at least three (3) hours focus on pre/post event Sports Massage. (Any individual with a prior Sports Massage background may petition for membership by submitting background documentation to the state director).
3. **New members joining at the professional level pay one-time dues of \$25. Thereafter, a \$15 renewal fee applies annually. (Please note, AMTA members receive a \$5 discount on the above-mentioned rates). Student members pay annual dues of \$10.**
4. Members agree to participate in a minimum of three MSMT-sanctioned sports events. Non-sanctioned events may count at the discretion of the Director.
5. Each Team member will be designated as a professional or student member.

Benefits of Team Membership

1. All new professional members receive an MSMT shirt, and renewal applicants will receive a new shirt every even-numbered year. Additional shirts are available for \$20. (Other clothing is also available, at cost, such as hats and warm-up suits.)
2. All members will receive a certificate of membership.
3. **At paid events, there will be two treatment options: a fifteen minute treatment or a 30 min treatment. Both will be paid by the minute, so \$15 or \$30, respectively. Professional members will be compensated for their services, at ~66% of the total amount. The remainder of the amount will go to the team and also to the sponsoring charity.**
 - a. **The amount to be paid, to the therapist, will be different if there is a sponsor. In that case, the state and regional director will determine the amount to go to the therapists. (It will depend on the amount given by the sponsor and the number of therapists at the event.)**

Responsibilities of Professional Members:

1. Professional members will assist at sanctioned sporting events with the setup and maintenance of the massage area, athlete supervision, clean-up and close down of massage areas, etc.
2. At sanctioned sporting events, Professional members may perform massage therapy, help with triage and other responsibilities appropriate with their level of expertise.
3. At paid events, Professional members will be paid by the athletes, promoters or MSMT official(s) working the event.
4. **Professional members of the team may act as supervisors of student members, only if the professional member is an instructor at that student's school.**

Responsibilities of Student Members:

1. Student members will assist at sanctioned sporting events with the setup and maintenance of the massage area, athlete supervision, cleanup and close down of massage area, etc.
2. In accordance with Missouri law, student members will only perform massage therapy at sanctioned sporting events under the direct supervision of an instructor.
3. In accordance with Missouri law, student members may not receive compensation for services rendered, but can receive reimbursement for expenses incurred.