



Privacy Policy

1. Purpose

The sole mandate of the Ontario Athletic Therapist Association (OATA) is to act in the best collective interests of its members.

In pursuing its mandate, OATA needs to collect personal and professional information from members in order to maintain a register of its members, communicate effectively with the membership, assess members' needs, conduct surveys and polls of members, create preferred supplier and provider relationships, direct members of the public to AT practices, design continuing education and other courses, meet legal and regulatory requirements and assemble the requisite information to pursue regulation in Ontario. Nevertheless, protecting the privacy of personal information provided by members and using it only as intended by members are of paramount importance to the OATA. Personal privacy comes first!

The OATA abides by the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA) and this Policy applies to all directors, officers, employees, contractors and agents of the OATA.

2. Definitions

For purposes of this Policy "personal information" includes the age, name, personal address, any personal identification numbers (other than degrees, diplomas, professional certifications and designations), sex, ethnic origin or religious affiliation and financial information relating to an identifiable individual regardless of the form in which it is maintained or communicated. Personal information does not include the name, title, professional designations, clinic address, business e-mail address or business telephone number of a member and the OATA reserves the right, in the public interest, to release information relating to any disciplinary action taken by CATA, the OATA and by any other professional regulatory body against a member pertaining to that member's practise of the profession.

The OATA also reserves the right to retain or publish personal information that is in anonymous form i.e. a format that would make it impossible to identify the individual to whom the information pertains. The OATA may also publish any personal information for which the member has provided express or implied consent to publish and information that is already public by other means; and the OATA may release any personal information pursuant to a Court order or as otherwise required by law. Whenever a member's personal information is released as a consequence of a Court order, regulatory requirement, or as otherwise required by law, the OATA undertakes to advise the member forthwith.



3. Accuracy and Retention of Personal Information

The OATA maintains all members' personal information securely and expends best efforts to ensure that it is accurate and up-to-date. Access to members' personal information is limited to a very few individuals who have a legitimate need to access that information as authorized by the Board. Members, however, are responsible for advising the OATA of any changes to their personal information within a reasonable period of time. The OATA cannot be held responsible in situations where the member has not taken the initiative to update his/her personal information within a reasonable period of time.

Any member may view whatever personal information is maintained by the OATA on him/her and has the right to correct any errors or omissions in that personal information. Members are asked to notify the OATA in writing of their wish to view their personal information. The OATA undertakes to provide access to that information within 30 days. No fees or other charges are payable by OATA members for access to their personal information held by the OATA, or for amending that information.

When an individual ceases to be a member of the OATA, the OATA undertakes to destroy all personal information relating to that member within 90 days.