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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership in AMSSM is exclusive, but not restricted. All who qualify will be welcomed. Those who fall short of the membership criteria are encouraged to participate in AMSSM and other sports medicine educational meetings to develop a stronger involvement in sports medicine. The AMSSM is not for those who are “just interested” in sports medicine. AMSSM is for the physician significantly involved in sports medicine - those recognized in their communities as “sports medicine physicians”.

Please review the criteria found on the back of the membership application. If you feel you have the requisite points - 25 for full member status, 15 for associate member status, complete the application, return it or submit it on line with your dues payment and a copy of your most recent curriculum vitae. The AMSSM membership committee will review your application and promptly inform you of your status.

DUES STRUCTURE

See the “Membership Categories” section of this brochure for an explanation of the types of membership available. An explanation of the point system for membership is located on the back of the Membership Application Form.

Member	
Associate Member	\$300.00
Affiliate Member	
Provisional	\$225.00
Resident Member	\$150.00

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

- Member** Primary care sports medicine physicians who practice within the specialties of Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Family Practice, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Emergency Medicine or Obstetrics/Gynecology who have at least 25 requisite points.
- Associate** Primary care sports medicine physicians with the same specialty areas as listed for Regular Members who have at least 15 requisite points.
- Affiliate** Specialists (e.g. orthopedists, radiologists, surgeons, etc.) who qualify under the same point criteria as Members (25 points). Affiliate Members receive the same benefits as Regular Members with the exception of voting and serving on the board.
- Provisional** Physicians currently in a recognized Sports Medicine Fellowship program.
- Resident** Physicians currently in a residency program with a strong interest in Sports Medicine.

ORIGIN AND PURPOSE

The American Medical Society for Sports Medicine (AMSSM) was formed in 1991 to fill a void that has existed in sports medicine from its earliest beginnings. The founders, who are among the most recognizable and expert providers of primary care sports medicine, realized that while there are several physician organizations which support sports medicine, there was not a forum specific for non-surgical sports medicine physicians - until now.

The AMSSM was formed to fill that void to offer a forum for the sports medicine physician. Over and over again the most compelling reason for the formation of the AMSSM is to foster a collegial relationship among dedicated, competent sports medicine physicians with a common base of expertise.

In 1992, the AMSSM opened membership to qualified sports medicine physicians from other specialties. Affiliate membership is available to specialists (i.e. orthopedists, radiologists, surgeons, etc.) who qualify under the same point criteria system. Affiliate member carries all the benefits as Regular membership with the exception of voting and serving on the Board of Directors.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Being part of a national society of sports medicine physicians recognized for their expertise and leadership.
- Reduced registration at the AMSSM Annual Meeting that presents the latest innovations and advancements in sports medicine.
- Subscription to the Clinical Journal of Sports Medicine - published six times a year.
- Access to on-line Sports Discus Journal.
- AMSSM Newsletter - published with the latest information on what is happening throughout the sports medicine profession.

- Membership Certificate
- The opportunity to nominate other physicians to membership.
- Access to sports medicine physicians throughout the US for collaboration or referral of patients.
- On-line Directory
- On-line Forums to discuss issues in sports medicine.

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