OTA Fellowship Compliance Guidelines

Guidelines

1. A Sub-committee of the Fellowship Committee has been formed to recommend the penalties for non-compliance. Greg Schmeling, MD is the Sanctions Sub-committee Chair.
2. Participating programs will be required to make all of their positions available through the match.
3. Participating programs will have their programs listed on the OTA website and be allowed to participate in the current online application process.
4. Unless otherwise specified, the standards, guidelines and responsibilities for both applicants and programs will be those utilized by the National Residents Matching Program and published at http://www.nrmp.org/.

Reporting of Violations

1. It is recommended that a subcommittee of the fellowship committee be established and designated the fellowship match compliance subcommittee.
2. Complaints or concerns regarding program compliance will be reported through this committee.
3. Reports of noncompliance should be submitted in writing to the OTA Business Office, and may come from:
   a. Applicants
   b. Other Programs
   c. Faculty within a violating program seeking immunity
4. Complaints will be investigated through personal interviews and the collection of written statement.
5. Committee decisions may be appealed to the President Elect of the OTA.

Penalties

1. For a period of one year, all faculty members participating in a program found to be in default may become ineligible for:
   a. Podium and poster presentations at the OTA Annual Meeting
   b. Faculty participation in OTA sponsored Symposia
   c. Faculty participation in OTA sponsored courses
   d. New appointment to the OTA Board of Directors or Committee positions
   e. Receipt of OTA administered research grants
2. Those found in default will be able to:
   a. Continue service on existing OTA leadership positions
   b. Continue to publicize their program on the OTA website
   c. Continue to have their program participate in the match.
3. Those programs found to be in default of guidelines for a second time within five years of their initial violation may be subjected to the penalties in section 1 for a period of three years.
4. A third violation within ten years of the first may result in permanent loss of those privileges identified under section 1.
5. Written report of match guideline default will be sent to the Orthopaedic Chairman and Institutional academic compliance officer.

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