



OTA Fellowship Compliance Guidelines

Guidelines

- 1 A Sub-committee of the Fellowship Committee has been formed to recommend the penalties for non-compliance. Robert Probe, 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.