

**American Board of Emergency Medicine
SPORTS MEDICINE
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR CERTIFICATION**

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Certification in the subspecialty of Sports Medicine is available to diplomates of the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) who fulfill the eligibility criteria and pass the subspecialty examination. ABEM co-sponsors this subspecialty with the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM), the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM), the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP), and the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (ABPMR).

Physicians who are ABEM diplomates submit their applications to ABEM. Physicians who are diplomates of both ABEM and ABFM, ABIM, ABP, or ABPMR may submit an application to the board through which they wish to become certified in Sports Medicine.

Physicians who expect to complete their fellowship training by the day of the examination may submit an application during the application period that is conducted for the examination administered in the year they graduate.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Physicians seeking certification in Sports Medicine through ABEM must fulfill the following eligibility criteria:

ABEM Certification

A physician must be a current diplomate of the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

Medical Licensure

Each physician applying for subspecialty certification must fulfill the ABEM Policy on Medical Licensure.

Fellowship Training

Physicians must have successfully completed a minimum of one year in a Sports Medicine fellowship program associated with an ACGME-accredited residency in Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, or Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Physicians who entered training in Sports Medicine on or after July 1, 2001, are required to complete their training in a fellowship program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

If the Sports Medicine fellowship is structured so that it is longer than one year, the diplomate must successfully complete the requirements of the fellowship program to apply through this pathway.

The physician must successfully complete the fellowship training by the date of the examination.

Physicians seeking certification in more than one subspecialty may not apply the same subspecialty fellowship training period toward fulfillment of requirements of more than one specialty or subspecialty.

ABEM requests verification directly from the program director that a physician successfully completed the Sports Medicine fellowship program.

CERTIFICATION

A candidate who has met the eligibility criteria and who passes the subspecialty examination is recognized as being certified in the subspecialty of Sports Medicine. Certification is for a period of ten years.