



Student Research Competition for NASSM 2010
June 1-5, 2009
Tampa, FL

The North American Society for Sport Management is pleased to announce its annual student research competition. To be eligible for this competition, students **MUST** be enrolled in a college or university at the deadline of submission (11:59pm Monday January 11, 2010), **AND** not be employed in a full-time academic position at the submission deadline. Students may not submit more than **ONE** paper for this competition, and if accepted for presentation, this paper will count toward the two-presentation maximum for the NASSM Annual Conference.

Papers should reflect a student's analytical and/or theoretical research interest and be appropriate for presentation at the NASSM Annual Conference. The winner of the student competition will have an opportunity to present this paper the President's Luncheon during the NASSM Annual Conference from June 1-5, 2010 in Tampa, FL.

Instructions for Submission

- Papers must be received electronically no later than 11:59pm EST on Monday January 11, 2010.
- The page limit for all submitted manuscripts is 35 double-spaced pages, **INCLUDING** references, tables, figures and appendices.
- Papers must be submitted in English and use a minimum of 12-point font and one-inch margins.
- Papers that are more than 35 pages will not be eligible for the competition.
- Students must also adhere to the "Instructions to Authors" section published in the *Journal of Sport Management*. Papers that do not meet **ALL** of these requirements will not be reviewed.
- Papers must be submitted electronically to the Student Research Competition coordinator, Damon P. S. Andrew dandrew@troj.edu. The submissions should be sent as a file attachment to an email, and should be in MS-Word (*.doc) format. Do not send a paper in pdf or zip file format.

Each submission must also be accompanied by a cover letter from the student's advisor that clearly indicates that the paper is being submitted for the Student Research Paper Competition, and that the paper meets the competition's requirements for length and format. The research paper cannot be submitted for any other presentation at the conference, nor should it have been presented or published previously in scholarly outlets. If the paper constitutes part of a broader research project undertaken by the student and/or advisor, a note as to how the submitted paper represents an original, independent contribution must be provided.

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The Student Paper Review Committee will evaluate all submissions using a blind review process based on the following criteria – 1) Relevance or significance of the topic 2) Theoretical basis, 3) Methodology, 4) Discussion and interpretation, and 5) Clarity of writing.

Students will receive constructive comments and suggestions from the reviewers on how the paper may be strengthened for possible presentation and publication. The student winner will be recognized by NASSM with the following awards:

- 1) A 20-minute presentation of the research at the 2010 NASSM Conference President's Luncheon.
- 2) A waiver of the conference registration fee.
- 3) A \$500 (US) award.
- 4) Complimentary one-year membership in NASSM.
- 5) Plaque in recognition of the award.

The top three finalists will each receive a \$250 (US) award in addition to a waiver of the conference registration fee. The top three finalists in the student competition may be asked to present their paper as a 20-minute oral presentation at the 2010 NASSM Conference.

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