



Student Research Competition for NASSM 2012
May 22-26, 2012
Seattle, Washington

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 Friday, January 13, 2012), **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 at the President's Luncheon during the NASSM Annual Conference (May 22-26, 2012, Seattle, WA).

Instructions for Submission

- Papers must be received electronically no later than 11:59pm EST on Friday January 13, 2012.
- The page limit for all submitted manuscripts is 35 double-spaced pages, **INCLUDING** references, tables, figures and appendices. Papers that are more than 35 pages will not be eligible for the competition.
- Papers must be submitted in English and use a minimum of 12-point font and one-inch margins.
- Students must also adhere to the "Instructions to Authors" section published in the *Journal of Sport Management* (<http://journals.humankinetics.com/authorship-guidelines-for-jsm>). Papers should not be submitted if its author does not meet **ALL** of these requirements.
- All papers will be subject to textual similarity review by plagiarism detection software.
- Papers must be submitted electronically to the Student Research Competition coordinator, Laura Misener at laura.misener@uwo.ca. 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 be accompanied by an *Authorship Declaration* form (attached) signed by both the student's academic supervisor and the student. 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 by the student must be provided in the *Authorship Declaration*. The research paper cannot be submitted for any other presentation at the conference, nor should it have been previously undergone scholarly peer review, or have been presented/accepted for publication in other scholarly outlets.

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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 2012 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 (other than the award winner) will each receive a \$250 (US) award in addition to a waiver of the conference registration fee. These three finalists may be asked to present their paper as a 20-minute oral presentation at the 2012 NASSM Conference.

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AUTHORSHIP DECLARATION

This form must be signed by both the student and the academic supervisor, and submitted along with the student research paper at the time of submission.

Student Declaration

This research meets ethical guidelines of my university (if applicable), including adherence to the legal requirements of the country(ies) in which the study took place.

The research paper has not been submitted for any other presentation at the conference, nor has it previously undergone scholarly peer review, or been presented/accepted for publication in other scholarly outlets.

I have written the complete text and the submission adheres to the "Instructions to Authors" section published in the *Journal of Sport Management*.

I understand that this submission may be submitted for textual similarity review to plagiarism detection software.

Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____

Academic Supervisor Declaration

This research meets ethical guidelines of my university (if applicable), including adherence to the legal requirements of the country(ies) in which the study took place.

This paper represents the student's original research.

If the paper constitutes part of a broader research project undertaken by the student and/or advisor, please provide an explanation as to how the submitted paper represents an original, independent contribution, by the student.

Supervisor Name: _____ Supervisor Signature: _____

NOTE: Return completed form along with paper submission to Dr. Laura Misener: laura.misener@uwo.ca or Fax: 519-661-2008