



INSTRUCTIONS FOR SESSION ORGANIZERS

**North American Society for the Sociology of Sport
31st Annual Conference**

**Producing Knowledge, Producing Bodies:
Cross-Currents in Sociologies of Sport and Physical Culture**

**November 3-6, 2010
Crowne Plaza Hotel, San Diego – Mission Valley**

Dear (Regular Paper) Session Organizer:

On behalf of the 2010 NASSS Conference Program Committee, we would like to thank you for agreeing to organize a regular paper session as part of the annual conference of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport to be held in San Diego this coming November. This year, interested presenters will be submitting their abstracts directly to you and not through a conference website as has been done in the recent past. The call for abstracts will run through August 15, 2010 and is currently available on our NASSS web site: www.nasss.org

You will soon start receiving abstracts from potential participants. We are asking you to reply in order to acknowledge receiving their abstract. Your message should also state that you will organize a session and forward the abstracts you have received to the Program Co-Chairs who will contact them in late August to let them know the status of their abstract. The abstracts you will send to the Co-Chairs should include the abstracts you have selected for your session as well as the extra abstracts you cannot include in your session. If you have enough abstracts to put together more than one session, you may do so. Alternatively, you can simply send us the extra abstracts and let us organize extra session(s).

Please make sure that you receive all the important information from potential participants and that they respect our NASSS rules:

- (a) Title of the paper (maximum of 10 words);
- (b) Abstract (maximum of 200 words and only one paragraph; abstracts will be published in the 2010 Conference Abstracts in plain text so please refrain from using italics, bold, underlining or html);
- (c) The name, affiliation (university or institution) and institutional email address of each of the authors.

Please remember that you cannot make the final decision about the acceptance of abstracts. The Program Co-Chairs will be responsible for such decision and will use the following criteria:

- (a) Relevance and significance of topic to NASSS and/or to 2010 conference theme
- (b) Clarity of abstract
- (c) Clarity of core issue, research question or objective
- (d) Reference to conceptual framework
- (e) Reference to methodology
- (f) Clear presentation of findings (the abstract must relate to completed research and not work in progress unless the paper is submitted to an open session for students)
- (g) Only one abstract per participant: the Program Co-Chairs reserve the right to delete from the program additional abstract(s) submitted by the same participant as first author. Please note that NASSS presentation rules are such that: (1) participants may submit their abstract to only one session; (2) participants may present only one paper as first author in a regular session but may have their name as second or third author on other paper(s), as long as they are not the presenter of such paper(s); and (3) Participants who present a paper in one regular session may also participate as a speaker or discussant in one other non-regular session (i.e., a session for which individual participants do not submit an abstract, for example, a workshop or a round table session).
- (h) All participants must be members of NASSS to appear in the program.

Given our NASSS rules for the presentation of papers, we ask that if you intend to present in your own session, that you seek a session presider who is not a presenter in your session.

As close as possible after the August 15th deadline and no later than August 20th, please e-mail to 2010nasss@gmail.com the list of your selected paper titles, abstracts, as well as the name, affiliation (university or institution) and institutional email address of each of the authors. Let us know the exact title you want for your session (this title may be slightly different from what you had originally proposed, given the abstracts you accepted) as well as the names, affiliation and email address of the organizer(s) and the presider of your session.

When applicable, also include the necessary information for those abstracts you are NOT accepting for your session. We will try to ensure that worthy abstracts get placed in another session.

The Program Co-Chairs will post on the NASSS website (www.nasss.org) the list of accepted sessions and abstracts in late August. Authors and session organizers will thus know whether their session or abstract has been officially accepted.

PLEASE NOTE THAT PARTICIPANTS IN YOUR SESSIONS WILL BE GIVEN A MAXIMUM OF 15 MINUTES (IF 4 PARTICIPANTS) OR 20 MINUTES (IF 3 PARTICIPANTS) TO PRESENT THEIR PAPER. PARTICIPANTS SHOULD ENGAGE WITH THE AUDIENCE AND NOT READ THEIR PAPER. AUDIOVISUAL EQUIPMENT IS NOT PROVIDED AND SO YOU AND YOUR PARTICIPANTS MUST ORGANIZE TO GET YOUR OWN COMPUTER AND PROJECTOR IF YOU NEED THEM.

Finally, since we have not used this method of sending abstracts directly to the session organizers in some time, we ask for your patience in helping us through this process. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us at 2010nasss@gmail.com.

Thanks again for your contribution to NASSS,

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