



INSTRUCTIONS FOR ROUNDTABLE 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 Roundtable Session Organizer:

On behalf of the 2010 NASSS Conference Program Committee, we would like to thank you for agreeing to organize a roundtable 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. The 2010 call for abstracts including the list of the roundtable sessions (in which yours appears) is currently available on our NASSS web site: www.nasss.org

Please note that roundtable sessions are VERY different from regular paper sessions. First, the roundtable participants are invited by you. Second, roundtable participants do not submit an abstract as is the case for paper sessions as only one abstract will be published for each roundtable session and this is the abstract that you will provide to describe the overall nature of your roundtable. Third, participants in your roundtable session will not present or read a paper. Rather, each participant will be given 5 minutes to speak and after each roundtable participant will have spoken, then the roundtable discussion will take place. And last, audiovisual equipment is not provided for roundtables.

If, for your session, you have in mind a regular paper session with 3 or 4 presenters being given 15 minutes each to present a paper, then simply let the program Co-Chairs know this (switching is NOT a problem) and rather use the "Instructions for Session Organizers" document here attached. IT IS CRUCIAL THAT OUR ROUNDTABLES BE ROUNDTABLES AND SO DO SWITCH TO THE OTHER SET OF INSTRUCTIONS IF YOU HAVE IN MIND THE ORGANIZATION OF A REGULAR PAPER SESSION.

If it is a roundtable session in which you are indeed interested, then go ahead and invite your participants and do let them know that they must be a member of NASSS to appear in the program. Please make sure that you receive all the important information from your participants so that you can finalize your roundtable session.

Given our NASSS rules, we ask that if you intend to present/speak in your own session, that you seek a session presider/moderator who is not a presenter/speaker 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 following information:

- (a) Title of your roundtable session (maximum of 20 words) – your title may be slightly different from what you had originally proposed, given the participants who have accepted and given what they intend to speak about;
- (b) Abstract for your roundtable session (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) – again this abstract may be slightly different from what you had originally proposed, given the participants who have accepted and given what they intend to speak about. PLEASE NOTE THAT INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANT ABSTRACTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED: ONLY FORWARD ONE ABSTRACT FOR THE ROUNDTABLE;
- (c) The name, affiliation (university or institution) and institutional email address of each of the participants/speakers;
- (d) The name, affiliation (university or institution) and institutional email address of the organizer(s);
- (e) The name, affiliation (university or institution) and institutional email address of the presider/moderator.

Please note that the Program Co-Chairs will be responsible for the decision regarding the final acceptance of your roundtable session and participants 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 or objective of the roundtable session;
- (d) Participants (a minimum of 3 is required);
- (e) Respect of presentation rules: Participants who present a paper in one regular paper session may also participate as a speaker 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 roundtable session).

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

Finally, since we have not used in some time this method of contacting directly the roundtable session organizers, 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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