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# NASSH



**Call for Papers-North American Society for Sport History  
Forty-Fourth Annual Convention, May 27-30, 2016  
Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, USA**

**Submission Deadline: Monday, December 7, 2015**

The 44th annual convention of the North American Society for Sport History will be held at The Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia, from May 27-30, 2016. The Program Committee encourages NASSH members and others interested in the scholarly study of sport history to submit individual papers (20 minutes presentation time) or complete thematic sessions (95 minutes – typically, but not necessarily, composed of 3 presenters at 20 minutes each, a commentator at 20 minutes, and discussion at 15 minutes). Proposals for complete sessions are strongly encouraged. (Panel presentations may also be submitted and, again, should adhere to the 95 minute session format. Before submitting a panel presentation, please contact the Program Chair to discuss.)

**The deadline for submission for all types of presentations is Monday, December 7, 2015;** letters of acceptance and rejection will be sent in late January. The Program Committee will evaluate all submissions according to their individual merit, contribution to the field, and fit within the total program. Proposals that do not provide all the information requested will be returned to the author(s). Please email the Program Committee Chair, Jan Todd ([jan@starkcenter.org](mailto:jan@starkcenter.org)), with any questions.

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### **Abstract Guidelines for Submitting Individual Papers**

**Deadline: Monday, December 7, 2015**

**Please submit both individual papers and full session proposals as WORD documents to Program Chair Jan Todd [jan@starkcenter.org](mailto:jan@starkcenter.org).**

#### ***Guidelines for Individual Papers:***

On page one at the top, include the name of the author(s), your institutional affiliation and position, your office and mobile phone numbers, and email addresses. If you are a graduate student, please identify yourself as such and list your home department, university, and the name of your advisor. (This will help us with distribution of Roberta Park Travel Funds (see below).

Below this contact information please write the paper's title followed by a 300 to 500 word abstract of the proposed paper. (Please type in a 12 point font and double space the abstract.) The abstract should include the question(s) addressed in the paper, the evidence to be used, a precise statement of the argument and conclusions, and what significance the paper has to our understanding of sport history.

*Following the abstract, list two broad thematic session topics for which this paper might be appropriate. (Ex: Session on modern Olympics, session on women in sport, session on doping, session on race and sport, session on sport in Europe, etc.) Further, if you are aware of another paper on a related topic that might fit well with yours (even though not a complete session) please list for the program committee.*

*Note: If your paper is being submitted as part of a complete session—see below.*

### **Guidelines for Submitting Complete Sessions**

**Deadline: Monday, December 7, 2015**

**Please submit both individual papers and full session proposals as WORD documents to Program Chair Jan Todd [jan@starkcenter.org](mailto:jan@starkcenter.org).**

On page one at the top, include the name and contact information of the session organizer through whom all correspondence for the session will flow. Below, include the names of the other presenters, their institutional affiliation and position, their office and mobile phone numbers, and, most importantly, their email addresses. Be sure to include contact information for all members of the session, which should include a moderator, three speakers, and a commentator. Please select a commentator for the session *or* provide suggestions as to individuals who would be appropriate.

Below this contact information include the title and abstract for the session. The session abstract should include a discussion of its theme and argument, a description of the relationship among the papers, and a statement about the significance of the session to our understanding of sport history (150-250 words).

Below the session abstract include the titles for the other papers in the session. *Abstracts for these may be pasted into the main WORD document or sent as individual attachments on the main email.* The paper abstracts should include the question(s) addressed in the papers, the evidence to be used, a precise statement of the argument and conclusions, and what significance the papers have to our understanding of sport history (300-500 words each maximum).

### **General Guidelines for NASSH Presentations**

\*("presenter" refers to authors, co-authors, and commentators)

- ☞ Persons whose papers are accepted by the program committee must agree to present the paper in person and to attend and participate in other convention sessions.
- ☞ Each presenter must be a NASSH member in good standing.
- ☞ Each presenter must register for the conference.
- ☞ Except for supporting graduate students through the Roberta Park Fund (see below), NASSH pays no honoraria or any other expenses for speakers to prepare papers or to attend the convention.
- ☞ Papers are to be original work, not published or presented in full elsewhere.
- ☞ Persons whose abstracts are accepted by the program committee must deliver the paper summarized by the abstract and not some other piece of work.
- ☞ Only one paper or panel contribution may be presented by an individual at a NASSH convention. (A presenter may, however, also moderate a session or serve as a commentator.)
- ☞ Presenters should not be the moderator of the session in which they present.
- ☞ Presenters must prepare final abstracts of about 300-500 words for publication in the annual NASSH Proceedings.
- ☞ Moderators will firmly enforce time limits for papers. Speakers should plan on no more than two minutes per page (calculated on the time it takes to read a double-spaced page in 12 point Times New Roman font consisting of 25 lines).
- ☞ LCD projectors will be available.
- ☞ **The deadline for submitting completed papers to commentator(s) and to other members of the session is April 29, 2016.** Commentators have some autonomy in working with presenters on this deadline.

### **Important: Implicit Agreement to Attend Conference**

Submission of an abstract indicates the author's and co-authors' intent to register for the conference at the appropriate conference fee and to be available to present on any of the three days of the conference. Again, a presenter must be a NASSH member in good standing—that is, his/her dues must be paid by **February 28, 2016**, to be on the final program.

### ***Roberta Park Graduate Travel Award Guidelines***

Graduate students who have a paper accepted for the 2016 NASSH convention are eligible to apply for a grant from the Roberta Park Fund. Annual interest on this fund is divided among the applicants to help defray the costs of travel and accommodation at the convention. Exact amounts of these grants vary from year to year. Graduate students are also encouraged to enter the NASSH Graduate Essay Competition which is described on the NASSH website.