

Abstract Criteria

- The abstract text, including the words “objectives, methods, results, conclusion” is limited to 5,000 characters not including spaces.
- Up to four (4) images or tables are allowed per abstract.
- All authors must complete the AOSSM online disclosure form for the abstract to be considered for presentation.

Deadline for Specialty Day abstracts are typically in May.

Deadline for Annual Meeting abstracts are typically in September.

Please Note: AOSSM charges a nominal fee for each abstract submitted to help defray the cost of the abstract submission system.

The following agreement will need to be accepted for the abstract to be submitted.

AGREEMENT

IRB/IACUC

At the time of submission all clinical human studies must have approved IRBs (or the international equivalent) and all animal studies must have approved IACUCs (or the international equivalent) in order to be considered for inclusion in any AOSSM Specialty Day or AOSSM Annual Meeting program.

Abstract Review Process

AOSSM programs strive to address a full range of topics gleaned from the AOSSM educational curriculum and Self-Assessment, as well as address identified needs from post-meeting evaluations. Therefore, AOSSM programs do not reflect the percentage by category of strong submissions (primarily knee and shoulder) but are predicated on a subset of the highest scoring abstracts in order to achieve a thoughtful and balanced program.

Reviewers

The members of the Program Committee and Panel Reviewers grade between 300 – 10000 abstracts for each AOSSM Specialty Day and AOSSM Annual Meeting. The Panel Reviewers represent Grader Panels (General Sports Medicine, Sports Medicine Research, Shoulder, Elbow, Hand/Wrist, Hip/Pelvis/Thigh, Knee, Tibia/Fibula/Ankle/Foot, and Spine). Panel reviewers grade only the abstracts in their respective panel categories.

Timeline & Process

Submitted abstracts are graded over a 3-week time period and are blinded to the reviewers for authors, institutions, references, and acknowledgments. On average approximately 15 abstracts are accepted for presentation at AOSSM Specialty Day, and approximately 60 abstracts are accepted for presentation at

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the AOSSM Annual Meeting. The Program Chair and Program Committee exercise discretion in final abstract selection in an attempt to craft the program. Scientific presentations are complemented by current concepts, debates, updates, symposia, awards presentations, and exchange lectures. Abstracts are graded on a 1 to 10 rating, and reviewers abstain from reviewing abstracts submitted from their own institutions. An accepted abstract generally has an average weighted score of 7.0 or better. The grading criteria are reflected below:

- Scientific quality 4 points
- Relevance, constructiveness and contribution to the practice and/or development of orthopaedic sports medicine 3 points
- Originality 1 point
- Clarity and organization 1 point
- Freedom from personal, institutional, organizational, and/or segment of the field bias 1 point

PUBLICATION INFORMATION

The American Journal of Sports Medicine (AJSM)/Orthopedic Journal of Sports Medicine (OJSM)

All abstracts selected for podium or poster presentation shall be submitted in manuscript form to *AJSM* or *OJSM*. Abstracts previously published (even in *AJSM*) are not eligible for presentation at an AOSSM meeting. All podium presentations and posters presented at a Society meeting become the property of The American Journal of Sports Medicine and/or Orthopedic Journal of Sports Medicine (*OJSM*) and the abstracts will be published in *OJSM*. Publication of these abstracts makes the content citable and does not preclude subsequent publication of the full text. The *AJSM* or the *OJSM* must decline publication of a manuscript before it can be submitted elsewhere. If one has already submitted a manuscript to *AJSM* and it has been accepted for publication, presenters are urged to communicate with *AJSM* staff and request that publication be deferred until after the AOSSM meeting in question. *AJSM* staff will do their best to accommodate all such authors.

AJSM Policy for Violation of *AJSM* first publication rights of Society research presentations.

When a violation of the *AJSM* publication requirement is discovered and confirmed, all the authors (including the annual Research Awards) involved shall be barred from having research of which they are authors presented at the next AOSSM Annual Meeting and next Specialty Day (podium or poster) for which abstract submission has not yet occurred. **All authors are held accountable.** All authors will also be barred for one year from submitting a manuscript for publication to *AJSM*. Repeat offenders will bear the same consequences for five years of submission cycles each for the AOSSM Annual Meeting and AOSSM Specialty Day and five years at *AJSM*.

Presenter Responsibilities

Anyone accepting an AOSSM Program Committee invitation to present their research at an AOSSM Annual Meeting or Specialty Day must honor that commitment. **If for any reason a presenter is unable to present, he or she must provide an alternate presenter.** If this does not occur, the Program Committee may exclude all authors from presenting at an AOSSM meeting for one year. AOSSM strongly encourages presenters to have a designated back-up presenter, this includes posters as well.

An acceptance to present either a podium presentation commits the presenter to providing a manuscript to AOSSM no later than approximately two months prior to the Society meeting. AOSSM will also provide the manuscript to the moderator. Additionally, the Program Committee has predicated its invitation to present on the abstract submitted, and program participation and the future manuscript must reference the same data originally submitted.

One may be a presenter on only **one podium and one poster presentation** at a Society meeting unless one is the recipient of a Research Award.

AOSSM designs its educational programs to highlight new research. Presenters are requested to advise AOSSM staff immediately if accepting another invitation to present this abstract at a non-AOSSM venue up to and including the AOSSM Annual Meeting or Specialty Day meeting in question.

Revisions of submitted abstracts are not permitted after the deadline. Therefore, one should proof judiciously.

Poster faculty (one presenter per poster) are required to register and attend the AOSSM Annual Meeting.

If a given abstract is accepted for a podium or poster presentation, it becomes ineligible for a podium presentation at any future Specialty Day or Annual Meeting that includes abstracts.

Disclosures

The American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM) is a provider accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) and is required to identify and resolve all potential conflicts of interest that may be in a position to influence and/or control CME activities.

A conflict of interest will be considered to exist if the if the individual as defined above has received financial benefits (e.g. grants, research support, honoraria, employee, consultant, board of directors, stockholder, licensing agreement) in any amount from a commercial interest (any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients) within the past 12 months and that individual is in a position to affect the content of CME regarding the products or services of the commercial interest.

All individuals in a position to influence and/or control the content of AOSSM-sponsored CME activities are required to disclose to AOSSM and subsequently to learners that the individual either has no relevant financial relationship or any relationship with the manufacturer(s) of any commercial product(s) and/or providers of commercial services discussed in CME activities. All disclosure information provided to AOSSM will be reviewed to ensure that no unresolved conflicts of interest exist prior to the confirmation of the individual for the educational assignment.

Faculty industry relationships do not necessarily preclude AOSSM program participation. Regardless of industry relationships, AOSSM expectations are that faculty will be unbiased, objective and scientifically rigorous in their presentations.

Awards - Annual Meeting Only

AOSSM Fellow Research Award - The AOSSM Fellow Research Awards are two Research Awards given to the best papers submitted by an orthopaedic sports medicine fellow (MD/DO) for the AOSSM Annual Meeting - one in Basic Science and one in Clinical Science. The Fellowship Committee selects the recipient for each award based on the merits of the abstracts submitted. Each winner receives \$1,500 and is presented with a plaque at the AOSSM Annual Meeting. Please note that award checks are made payable to the presenter.

Herodicus Award - This award is given annually for the best paper presented at the AOSSM Annual Meeting by an individual who was a resident and was the principal investigator of the paper during its development. The winner is awarded a plaque at the AOSSM Board Dinner and the paper is included at the next Herodicus meeting.

Research Awards: If you are interested in submitting for one of the following three awards given at the annual meeting:

- Cabaud Memorial Award
- O'Donoghue Award
- Excellence in Research

Go to the Research tab at www.sportsmed.org and click on RESEARCH AWARDS to submit your abstract.

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