

The North American Federation of Adapted Physical Activity 2012 Conference
October 11 -13, 2012, Birmingham, AL, USA
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Call for Abstracts

Important dates

- **Abstract Submission Opens:** [January 2, 2012](#)
- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** [April 2, 2012](#)
- **Registration Opens:** [May 1, 2012](#)
- **Abstract Notification:** [June 15, 2012](#)
- **Early Bird Registration Ends:** [August 15, 2012](#)
- **Registration Closes:** [September 28, 2012](#)

Guidelines for Submission

Abstract submissions for both oral and poster presentations are subject to review by the scientific committee. The scientific committee reserves the right to change the format of your presentation to be able to balance the program as a whole. All the conference rooms will be provided with power-point projectors. If you need additional equipment, please inform us in advance.

Oral Presentations

In oral presentations, speakers will report recent findings in fundamental and applied research and introduce different techniques for practical application followed by a short discussion. Oral presentations are limited to 15 minutes plus 5 minutes for questions.

Poster Presentations

Each poster should be no larger than 36 in wide × 48 in high. The posters should be easily read from a distance of 3 ft. Boards will be made available for hanging posters using pushpins or tape. The selected posters will be on display in a poster area during the Conference.

Types of Abstracts

Two types of abstracts can be submitted, those based on scientific research and those demonstrating practical application of programs or techniques in adapted physical activity. Guidelines for preparing each type of abstract are presented below.

General Themes

- Adapted Physical Activity
- Disability Sport
- Adapted Physical Education
- Exercise and Rehabilitation Science

Preparing the SCIENTIFIC Abstract

Scientific abstracts will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Abstract is written with clarity in good English
- Abstract is consistent with symposium subject areas (or relevant to adapted physical activity)
- The purpose is clearly stated, based on original research
- Appropriate scientific methods are used to answer the research question
- Methods are clearly described, valid and reliable
- Statistical procedures and results are clearly presented (It is not satisfactory to state only “The results will be discussed”)
- Conclusions are based on valid interpretations and are clearly stated, justifiable

The submitted abstract should be limited to a maximum of 400 words; title, authors and institutions not included.

Format the abstract using Calibri 12pt font, single spaced, left-aligned. The abstract must be written in English.

Title: The title should be brief (limit to 15 words, bold)

Authors: First name and Family name; insert a blank line between title and authors

Institutions: Name of institution and country for each author, and email address of first author on separate line

Abstract: Must include the following headings: PURPOSE, METHODS, RESULTS, and CONCLUSIONS (Headings are in all caps and bold). Insert a blank line between email address of first author and beginning of abstract.

Preparing the PRACTICAL Abstract

The submitted abstract should be limited to a maximum of 400 words; title, authors and institutions not included.

Format the abstract using Calibri 12pt font, single spaced, left-aligned. The abstract must be written in English.

Title: The title should be brief (limit to 15 words, bold)

Authors: First name and Family name; insert a blank line between title and authors

Institutions: Name of institution and country for each author, and email address of first author on separate line

Abstract: Must include a clear description of the program or technique being presented. Application for use in the field of adapted physical activity and potential benefits should be discussed.