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Update on 2020 NASPSPA Virtual Conference planning

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Dear NASPSPA Members,

NASPSPA's Executive Committee and the conference Program Chairs met on Friday, March 20 and again on March 27 to continue our discussion about the June 2020 conference. Though we made no decisions about the specific format of the conference, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to hold some type of virtual conference during a portion of the time period originally reserved for our face-to-face meeting. We are excited to report that our keynote speakers have expressed enthusiasm for participating in such a conference.

The Executive Committee and Program Chairs also unanimously agreed with an earlier decision to publish every abstract accepted for presentation at the 2020 conference in a special supplement of the Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology (JSEP), regardless of whether the author(s) is able to present their work at the virtual conference.

We understand, however, that some authors may still choose to withdraw their abstract from the conference and request that it not be published in the JSEP special supplement. Please email David Anderson (danders@sfsu.edu) by Tuesday, April 7 if you **do NOT want** your abstract to be published in the JSEP special supplement. **PLEASE PUT IN SUBJECT LINE – REQUEST TO WITHDRAW ABSTRACT. If you are okay with publication – DO NOT email David.** For those of you who have accepted symposia, we will be contacting the organizers to determine how they would like to proceed.

Regardless of the format of the virtual conference, and whether you originally specified a preference for a verbal or a poster presentation, we plan to treat all accepted abstracts the same way. We will likely give authors some flexibility in terms of how they “present” their work as long as their “presentation” can be uploaded to a central repository.

Expect more details in the very near future about the format of the 2020 conference and the format of the individual presentations. We will also provide updated information about the new fee structure for the conference. If you registered early, you should have already received an email from Penny on the naspspa@hotmail.com account. She will be working on refunding your original registration fee.

Thank you for your patience as we all continue to navigate the uncertainty caused by COVID-19.

Respectfully,
NASPSPA Executive Committee

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