

*Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly*  
Policy on Special Issues

Occasionally the *Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly (APAQ)* presents a series of papers relating to a specific theme. This is considered a Special Issue, providing a valuable addition to the APA knowledge base.

*APAQ* encourages individuals to submit proposals for a Special Issue to the Editor. The Editor will work with the Editorial Council (i.e., Associate and Emeritus Editors) to determine the viability of the proposal/plan. A member of the Editorial Council developing a proposal will not participate in discussions or decisions about that Special Issue. Approval to develop a special issue is granted by the Editor in consultation with the Editorial Council and selected experts (as needed) on the theme or subject suggested.

A proposal/plan must include:

1. The name and brief description of the theme with a rationale/need for the theme;
2. Historical issues, status, and future research and applications with strategies and implications related to the theme;
3. An outline of the proposed contents, including possible titles;
4. A statement of how the different papers/subtopics fit together to cover the theme comprehensively;
5. Suggestions for possible authors who will submit papers for the special issue, including brief details of the individual's qualifications and suitability to serve as an author of a paper.

The Editor will invite and assign a Guest Editor for a special issue. Topics, issues, or studies are established around the proposed theme. The theme and general contents require approval by consensus of the Editor in consultation with the Editorial Council and selected experts (as needed) before the development of the papers.

The Guest Editor will then identify and invite prospective authors to contribute to the content of the proposed special issue. The contribution of the Guest Editor for a special issue notwithstanding, the Editor and/or Associate Editor(s) will make the final decision regarding which manuscripts are to be included in the special issue.

In conforming to *APAQ* policy, papers submitted to the thematic special issue are subject to the usual blind peer-review process that results in a status of acceptance. Papers to be included in a special issue are held to the same evaluative standards as for regular issues unless there is compelling reason to make adjustments. Any such adjustments require approval by the Editor, Editorial Council, and Human Kinetics.

Papers for a special issue must be submitted electronically to Manuscript Central:

[http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/hk\\_apaq](http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/hk_apaq) and submission of papers will conform to the usual *Instructions to Contributors*. As with any issue of *APAQ*, a special issue will comprise four to six papers with an 88 page minimum.

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