Call for Papers for a Special Issue of PES

Future Olympians and Paralympians - Preparation, Practice and Performance of Youth Athletes

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This special issue calls for manuscripts that focus on all aspects of the talent and athletic development of youth athletes- including preparation, practice, performance, and any other sport and exercise medicine aspects. This issue will be published in concert with the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics and papers should either directly relate to and/or have performance implications that reflect elements of the pathways to creating talented youth athletes. A wide range of perspectives and disciplines are expected to be published, which can include, but is not limited to, physiological, psychological, clinical, and sociological aspects in addition to growth and maturation, disability, and coaching.

Possible Topics

This special issue will include narrative or systematic reviews, as well as original articles and will also consider relevant case reports. Reviews by experts in the field could cover topics such as “Training methods in elite youth athlete development” or “New technologies to monitor youth athlete performance”. All submissions that relate to development of youth athletes, including topics that address technological enhancements, will be considered for the special issue. Submissions may have a health or performance focus of the young athletes.

Submissions and Publication Timeline

Manuscripts must be submitted to https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/hk_pes. All manuscripts must follow the editorial guidelines identified in the Pediatric Exercise Science Journal Author Guidelines and will be subject to the usual blinded review process. Authors must indicate in their cover letter that this manuscript is being submitted for the special issue.

Deadline for Submission: Jan. 31, 2024

Review and revision process: February 1 to June 29, 2024

Final review and approval from PES Editor: August 29, 2024

Final Publication Date: November 2024

Papers will publish online ahead of print as they are finalized.

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