
Research Section

- 1. Name**
 - 1.1. The name of this section will be the Research Section of the College Division of the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (TAHPERD).
- 2. Purpose**
 - 2.1. The purpose of the Research Section will be to solicit, evaluate, and select the research poster presentations and scholarship recipients for the Research Poster Presentations made during the Annual Convention.
- 3. Organization**
 - 3.1. The Research Section will be organized as a section of the College Division.
 - 3.2. The section officers will consist of: Chair, Chair-elect, Past Chair, and Secretary.
 - 3.3. Section chairs shall serve four-year (4) terms with a Secretary being elected each year during the Annual Convention who will rotate into the Chair-elect position at the following Annual Convention. The officer rotation is: Secretary to Chair-elect to Chair to Past Chair.
 - 3.4. Individuals who have served a full four-year (4) term may not immediately succeed themselves as a section chair.
- 4. Operation**
 - 4.1. The Research Section officers shall be responsible for the selection of the research posters to be presented during the Annual Convention.
 - 4.2. There shall be three categories for the research posters: Undergraduate, Graduate, and Professional.
 - 4.3. The Research Section officers shall be responsible for selecting the first, second, and third place research posters presented in each category.
 - 4.4. The lead author for the first, second, and third place poster presentations in the Undergraduate and Graduate categories will receive a monetary recognition and a certificate recognizing their accomplishment. To receive the monetary recognition, the presenter must be registered for the convention and present at the Research Poster Presentations.
 - 4.5. If a lead author has more than one poster presentation and both are awarded a first, second, and/or third place finish, they are only allowed to accept one monetary prize. A certificate recognizing a first, second, or third place finish in all categories will be presented.
 - 4.6. The lead authors for the first, second, and third place poster presentations in the Professional category will receive a certificate of recognition but no monetary or in-kind compensation.
- 5. Nominations**
 - 5.1. Request for nominations for the office of chair and/or secretary will be published in the *Texas Journal of HPERD* and/or TAHPERD's electronic newsletter and through forms provided on the TAHPERD website.
 - 5.2. At the time of election, nominees must be a current member of TAHPERD
 - 5.3. Nominations may be submitted to the TAHPERD Office using the online process on the TAHPERD website.

6. Research Poster Submission

6.1. Criteria

- 6.1.1. Format involves presentation of research project/findings on a 3' H x 4' W poster board and discussion with attendees during a 90-minute program session at the Annual Convention.
- 6.1.2. Posters **MUST** be presented on a 3' x 4' landscape poster so that each display board can comfortably fit two posters. Any poster that is too large and encroaches on another poster will be removed from consideration.
- 6.1.3. Title Page
 - 6.1.3.1. Review Category (Undergraduate, Graduate, Professional)
 - 6.1.3.2. Title of research study - should be clearly stated on the Title Page
 - 6.1.3.3. Author's information
 - 6.1.3.3.1. If there is more than one author, note who is the "lead author" for communication purposes
 - 6.1.3.3.2. Provide mailing address, telephone number, email address, and university/affiliation for each author/presenter. Indicate by each author if they will be a "presenting author" or not.
 - 6.1.3.4. Indicate which of these Review Categories best identifies the research: biomechanics, dance, exercise physiology and fitness, health, leisure and recreation, measurement, motor behavior, pedagogy, psychology, sociocultural, special populations, sport management/administration, sports medicine.

6.1.4. Abstract Format

- 6.1.4.1. Must be typed as one paragraph in 300 words or less
- 6.1.4.2. Must include: Purpose, Methods, Analysis/Results, Conclusion
- 6.1.4.3. Do **NOT** include tables or charts as they will not be published
- 6.1.4.4. Title page and Abstract must be submitted on separate pages for blind review.

6.1.5. Submitting Research Poster Proposal

- 6.1.5.1. June 30 - Deadline for submission of Research Abstract proposal
- 6.1.5.2. Submitted electronically to the Director for Conventions and Meetings at the TAHPERD Office in a Word document.
- 6.1.5.3. The lead author of the research must be a current TAHPERD member at the time of the poster presentation and registered for the convention.
- 6.1.5.4. All authors participating in the presentation must be a TAHPERD member and registered for the convention.

6.1.6. Selection of Research Poster Presentations

- 6.1.6.1. TAHPERD staff will document receiving the proposals and number each for blind review.
- 6.1.6.2. July 15 - TAHPERD staff will email the proposals with the selection evaluation forms to the Research Section officers. An evaluation rubric will be utilized to review all proposals for poster presentations.

- 6.1.6.3. If a member of the Section officers is one of the authors presenting, they will complete an evaluation form for all the proposals except for their own.
- 6.1.6.4. August 10 - Abstract Review forms are due back to the Research Section Chair
- 6.1.6.5. August 15 - The Research Section Chair notifies the TAHPERD Office of the selected Research Section Poster presentations

6.2. Research Poster Judging

- 6.2.1. Research Poster program will be scheduled for Friday, 9:00 am - Noon during the Annual Convention
- 6.2.2. Research Posters will be set up between 8:00-9:00 am
- 6.2.3. Judging will take place between 9:00-11:00 am
- 6.2.4. The Research Section officers will serve as judges.
- 6.2.5. In the event that one or more of the Research Section officers or their student(s) is an author on a poster being presented, they will be excluded from participating as a judge and one or more of the College Division Vice Presidents will serve as a judge to yield four judges. If one or more of the Research Section officers is not present, one or more of the College Division Vice Presidents will serve as a judge to yield four judges.
- 6.2.6. The total score for the poster will be determined by the sum of the abstract score (determined by the abstract review) and the poster review score.
- 6.2.7. Judges for the Research Section Poster program must score all posters and tally all scores on the rubric provided and must be present until the results are announced.

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