

Oral and Poster Abstract Submission Guidelines

Please read through the following instructions listed below before preparing your submission:

Step 1: Write your abstract following the Abstract Format & Layout Guidelines below.

Step 2: State at the top of your abstract document if you wish it to be considered for an ‘**oral presentation**’ or ‘**poster presentation**’, or ‘**either**’.

Step 3: Save your abstract as a ‘.doc’ or ‘.docx’ document to your computer. Please note: your abstract must not exceed a **350 word limit**. The word limit relates only to the text of the abstract and does not include title, authors and institutions.

Step 4: Send your abstract to Gina Sharp – WELS-Research-Events@open.ac.uk by 5pm on 13th January 2019.

Step 5: Register for the conference: <https://mychild-theathlete.eventbrite.co.uk>

General Policies and Requirements

- All abstracts must be original work. An abstract should not be submitted if the work is to be published/presented at a major national or international meeting prior to the OU Sport and Fitness ‘My Child: The Athlete’ conference.
- The confirmed presenting authors (oral and poster) will be required to register for the Conference in order to ensure their abstract(s) is included in the final program. Deadline for presenting author registration is 28th February 2019.
- Abstracts should resonate with the conference themes:
 - Youth physical development
 - E.g. Strength and Conditioning,
 - Injury Prevention,
 - Physical Literacy,
 - Skill Acquisition
 - Youth psychological development
 - E.g. Building Resilience,
 - Coping with and Learning from Failure
 - Parental support for talented athletes
 - E.g. Research to support parents of talented athletes,
 - Effects on siblings and family members,
 - Family dynamics and youth development
 - Coaching considerations when working with children
 - E.g. planning training and practice,
 - Coaching behaviours,
 - Managing expectations,
 - Managing and meeting the needs of each athlete

Abstract Format & Layout Guidelines

- An abstract must contain sufficient information so that it provides a complete summary of the research or applied project - independent of the oral / poster presentation.
- All abstracts must be prepared according to the guidelines provided and include a title, authors' names and institution affiliations, maximum of 350 words for the main text. The abstract should include a brief summary of practical recommendations.
- Please use Calibri font size 11 with double line spacing and justified text both sides.
- Submission acknowledges consent from all authors to publication of the abstract in the conference programme and online.
- The Conference Managers will not be held responsible for abstract submissions not received via email or for submission errors caused by internet service outages, hardware or software delays, power outages or unforeseen events.

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