



THE DELOSS BRUBAKER, EdD, ATC

STUDENT WRITING

CONTEST

INTRODUCTION

The NATA Foundation Athletic Training Student Writing Contest (SWC) is named for Deloss Brubaker, who chaired the contest for its first 30 years. Through this competition, a total of \$1,000 is awarded in 3 different contest divisions. Athletic training students enrolled in professional programs are eligible to participate in the following categories of submissions:

- Original Research (\$500 award)
- Literature Review (\$250 award)
- Case Study (\$250 award)

The contest is funded by the NATA Foundation.

CONTEST REQUIREMENTS

- All students must be members of the NATA & have an NPI number in order to submit to the contest.
- Students (both primary, as well as all secondary, authors) must be enrolled in a CAATE accredited professional athletic training program at the time of submission as verified by their program director.
if awarded, communication and award money will be provided to the primary author
- Students enrolled in their final semester may submit an entry after the February 1 deadline and prior to their date of graduation, which will be considered for the next year's contest.
- The athletic training program director (ATPD) must be aware of the student conducting this research and submitting it to the SWC by way of signature verification on the Program Director verification form.
- The ATPD must approve of this submission to the SWC.
- Only students may be authors of the submission; college/university faculty members and preceptors are not permitted to be authors, nor may they receive the monetary award.
- Student(s) may submit only one manuscript for consideration in each category. However, students may be a part of an entirely separate manuscript (with no relation to each other) that is submitted in a different category

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- All documents and signatures related to this submission are submitted electronically via the [online submission form](#). The reviewers will not provide feedback and rating.
- The single file must be labeled as follows "LastNameSWCYear". Example: "LASTNAMESWC2023". Must be an original PDF.
- All documents and signatures related to this submission must be completed in the [online submission form](#) prior to the submission deadline of **11:59 PM central standard time (CST) on February 1.**

If you have questions, please contact fdnstaff@nata.org.

STUDENT WRITING CONTEST SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

GENERAL

- 12 point font
- PDF format only must be an original PDF. A scanned PDF will not be accepted.
- Arial or Times New Roman font
- 1" margins on all four sides
- Do not right justify the pages
- Begin page numbering on the abstract page with page 1 and number each page thereafter consecutively
- Follow the AMA Manual of Style for the entire manuscript, references, tables, and figures
- If including tables, figures, or pictures, each must be on a separate page and follow the references
- No headers or footers are allowed on any page of the submission

COVER PAGE

The manuscript's cover page must contain the following information:

- A title (brief and to the point) of no more than 16 words
- Contest category that the paper is being submitted to:
 - Original Research
 - Case Report
 - Literature Review
- Author information should **NOT** be included on the cover page or in the attached submission
- The following will be entered directly in the online application submission
 - Student's Name, NATA member number, and NPI number (required)
 - Student's contact information (including mailing address, e-mail address)
 - Name of school the student is attending and the student's year in school
 - Athletic training program director's name and contact information.
 - Application is not complete until the Athletic Training Program Director has signed the [provided form](#) and the form is uploaded to the submission form.

ABSTRACT

- 300 word maximum
- First line is the title
- Skip 2 lines and begin the abstract
- Following the abstract, skip 2 lines and list 3 key words.

MANUSCRIPT

The manuscript follows on a new page. There is NO title or author information on this page or any page that follows.

If the paper is **ORIGINAL RESEARCH**, it must have the following sections:

1. Introduction

2. Methods
3. Results
4. Discussion
5. References (utilize the AMA Manual of Style for the format of the references and Index Medicus for the journal abbreviations)

If the paper is a **CASE REPORT**, it must have the following sections:

1. Background of the topic covered in the case study (introduce the problem of interest)
2. Patient – provide patient demographics (use no identifiers such as university, specific dates, etc)
 - Age
 - Gender
 - Race
 - Marital status (if relevant)
 - Chief Complaint
 - Relevant medical history, including symptoms
3. Findings
 - Results of relevant medical tests (special tests, imaging, ROM/MMT, etc)
4. Differential Diagnoses and Final Diagnosis
 - Outline all suspected conditions based on the history and finding, then list the final diagnosis
5. Treatment
 - Outlined the patient’s treatment and clinical course
 - Criteria for return to competition
6. Uniqueness
 - Explain what makes this case unique from previous or similar cases
7. Conclusion
 - Briefly summarize the case
 - Outline what medicine can learn from this case
8. References (utilize the AMA Manual of Style for the format of the references and Index Medicus for the journal abbreviations)

**Please note - Author is responsible for securing a signed release from the case report patient and keeping in their file. This does not need to be submitted to the NATA Foundation.*

If the paper is a **LITERATURE REVIEW**, it must have the following sections:

1. Introduction
 - Overview of the issue/topic and why it is being examined
 - Objective of the literature review
2. Body
 - Divide the literature review into the various categories that relate to the topic, making sure that subheading are used to separate the categories of articles that are similar or different
 - The four primary literature reviews are:
 - 1.Chronological
 - 2.Thematic
 - 3.Methodological
 - 4.Qualitative

3. Conclusion

- Bring the literature review to a close with a conclusion section that synthesizes the paper
- Include potential clinical impact and possible directions for future research

4. References (utilize the AMA Manual of Style for the format of the references and Index Medicus for the journal abbreviations)

- Number the referenced consecutively
- Use ampersands posthumously