



## 2012 William C. Friday

### Graduate Student

## College Sport Research Paper Award

The College Sport Research Institute (CSRI) is pleased to announce its second annual William C. Friday Graduate Student College Sport Research Paper Award competition. To be eligible for this competition, students **MUST** be enrolled (or have been enrolled) as a graduate student in a college or university at the time the paper was completed. If the submitter is no longer a student, the paper must have been completed in the previous academic year (2010-2011) when the submitter was a graduate student. The paper must be submitted no later than **11:59pm Friday February 10, 2012**. Students may not submit more than ONE paper for this competition.

Papers should reflect a student's analytical and/or theoretical research related to intercollegiate sport (not club sport or intramural sport) and be appropriate for presentation at the 2012 CSRI Conference. The winner of the student competition will have an opportunity to present this paper at the conference to be held **April 19-21, 2012** at William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

1. Papers must be received electronically no later than 11:59pm EST on Friday February 10, 2012.
2. The page limit for all submitted manuscripts is 35 double-spaced pages, **INCLUDING** references, tables, figures and appendices.
3. Papers must be submitted in English and use Times New Roman, 12-point font and one-inch margins.
4. Papers that are more than 35 pages will not be eligible for the competition.
5. Submissions must adhere to guidelines contained in the [Instructions to Authors](#) section published in the *Journal of Issues in Intercollegiate Athletics (JIIA)*. Papers that do not meet **ALL** of these requirements will not be reviewed.
6. Authors should include a cover page with the title of the paper, full contact information, institutional affiliation, degree program, and advisor name and contact information.
7. Papers must be submitted electronically to the William C. Friday Graduate Student College Sport Research Paper Award competition coordinator, Prof. Linda Sharp at [linda.sharp@unco.edu](mailto:linda.sharp@unco.edu). The submissions should be sent as a file attachment to an email, and should be in MS-Word (\*.doc) format. **Do not send a paper in pdf or zip file format.**
8. Each submission must also be accompanied by a cover letter from the student's advisor (or former advisor) that clearly indicates the paper was completed while the person was a student and is being submitted for the William C. Friday

Graduate Student College Sport Research Paper Award competition. The advisor should also state that the paper meets the competition's requirements for length and format. The research paper cannot be submitted for any other presentation at the conference, nor should it have been submitted to, presented or published previously in scholarly outlets. If the paper constitutes part of a broader research project undertaken by the student and/or advisor, a note as to how the submitted paper represents an original, independent contribution must be provided. Papers must represent **student-produced** inquiry only. Limited input from supervisors (e.g., general feedback on structure and content, or recommendations for editing) is acceptable, but papers on which supervisors have had substantial input (e.g., analysis of data, writing or rewriting of sections of the paper) are not eligible.

9. Only papers deemed by the committee to be truly outstanding will be considered for the award, and thus – depending on the quality of submitted papers - there is a possibility no award will be given during any year.

**Papers must be received electronically**  
**(emailed to [linda.sharp@unco.edu](mailto:linda.sharp@unco.edu) )**  
**no later than 11:59pm EST on Friday February 10, 2012.**

The William C. Friday Graduate Student College Sport Paper Award Review Committee will evaluate all submissions using a blind review process based on the following criteria:

1. Relevance or significance of the topic
2. Theoretical basis
3. Methodology
4. Discussion and interpretation
5. Clarity of writing

### **BENEFITS OF SUBMISSION**

Students will receive constructive comments and suggestions from the reviewers on how the paper may be strengthened for possible presentation and publication. The student winner will be recognized by the College Sport Research Institute with the following:

1. A 30-minute presentation of the research at the 2012 CSRI Conference during the William C. Friday conference plenary session.
2. Waiver of the conference registration fee.
3. A \$750 (US) award.
4. Submission of the paper to *JIA* for blind review. \*
5. Plaque in recognition of the award.
6. Recognition in conference program and on conference website.

The top three finalists in the student competition will each receive a \$150 (US) award, a waiver of the conference registration fee, and may be asked to present their paper as an oral presentation at the 2012 CSRI Conference.\*\*

\*Note: All finalist papers will undergo triple-blind review per *JIA* guidelines. No guarantee of publication of paper in *JIA* is conferred by this award or finalist status.

\*\*All conference submissions undergo triple-blind review per conference guidelines.  
No guarantee of acceptance is conferred to finalists.

Further questions and information, please contact:

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