

Submission Guidelines to the Journal of Combat Sports Medicine

General and Formatting Guidelines:

All manuscripts must be written in English, using UK or American English spellings. All materials must be submitted electronically to Dr. Kevin deWeber, Editor-in-Chief, at kdeweber@peacehealth.org.

Submissions must:

- Be submitted in Microsoft Word format (.doc or .docx)
- Be double-spaced with 1" margins
- Be typed in a commonly-used font (Times Roman, Helvetica, Arial, or similar), no smaller than 11 points.
- Include page numbers

Abbreviations and Acronyms:

The use of abbreviations and acronyms, except for those that are quite common in combat sports medicine is strongly discouraged. Authors should be careful to ensure that idiosyncratic acronyms are not included in the submitted version, as this will improve readability for the editors and the reviewers. In addition, authors will be asked to remove idiosyncratic acronyms in any accepted materials.

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Manuscript preparation should follow the guidelines provided in the AMA Manual of Style (10th edition or later). If a figure has been published previously, authors must cite the original source and submit written permission from the copyright holder to use it. This permission must be submitted at the time of manuscript submission. Letters to the Editor Letters will be published as space permits and at the discretion of the editors.

Title Page:

An article's title page must include the following information:

- Title
- Names of all authors and institution where work was done (if applicable)
- Word count
- Key words
- Acknowledgment of grant support (if applicable)
- The contact email for the primary author.

References:

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3. Body
4. Results
5. Discussion
6. Conclusion/Summary
7. References

Case Studies

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1. Introduction
2. Statement of Purpose
3. Findings
4. Conclusion
5. References

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