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Instructions to Authors

GENERAL

The New Zealand Journal of Sports Medicine is the official journal of Sports Medicine New Zealand, publishing material relevant to sports medicine and related disciplines. The New Zealand Journal of Sports Medicine welcomes submissions of original manuscripts from both members and non-members of Sports Medicine New Zealand in the following areas: *sports medicine, sports physiotherapy, clinically relevant sports science, rehabilitation, coaching issues as they relate to sports medicine, exercise prescription and training, sports chiropractic, sports podiatry, and sports psychology.*

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a	Original Research	b	Case Reports	c	Review Articles	d	Editorials
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Structured abstracts are to be no longer than 300 words and should use the following subheadings: *aim; study design; setting; participants/subjects; interventions; outcome measures; results; conclusions.*

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The title page should include the title of the article and a running title not exceeding 45 letters and spaces, authors' names (first name, middle initials, last name), degrees, affiliations with institutes, contact details for the corresponding author (to include name, address, telephone, fax, and email).

The standard for spelling is to be in accordance with the Oxford Dictionary.

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One hard copy of tables, illustrations, figures, photos, etc, must be submitted. Tables should be included on a separate sheet rather than in the body of the text. Identify all illustrations with the manuscript title, name of author, figure number, and, if necessary, identification of the top of the image, on the back of the illustration in pencil. All markings should be removed from x-rays before photographing. Please do not produce graphics in Microsoft Word. Graphics should be supplied in TIF, EPS or PDF format, preferably at a resolution of no less than 300 dpi.

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<i>Chapter in Book:</i>	Figoni SF. Spinal cord injury. In, Wikgren S (ed.): <i>ACSM's exercise management for persons with chronic diseases and disabilities</i> . Champaign: Human Kinetics, 1997; 175:179.

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