SKAA 2027

**SHOULDER KNEE ARTHROSCOPY TO ARTHROPLASTY SYMPOSIUM 2027**

Current concepts in shoulder and knee orthopaedics and rehabilitation

**FROM INJURY TO PLAY!**

CALL FOR POSTERS

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

**Poster abstract submission** · 4–5 November 2027 · Grand Hotel Bernardin, Portorož, Slovenia

ORGANISED BY

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| SUBMISSION DEADLINE | PRESENTATION TYPE | HOW TO SUBMIT | LANGUAGE |
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| **30 September 2027** | **Posters only** | **Online form** | **English** |
| 23:59 CET · no extensions | Best posters: 5-minute presentation in the Poster Battle | Symposium website · Abstracts | Abstract and poster |

BEST POSTER AWARDS · SKAA FELLOWSHIP

## THREE CATEGORIES, THREE WINNERS, THREE FELLOWSHIPS

The best posters in each of the three categories will be presented in the **Poster Battle** sessions of the symposium. From the presented posters the public and an expert jury select **one winner per category**. Each winner receives a **two-week fellowship** to deepen their knowledge in their field with the SKAA faculty.

THE PRIZE

**A two-week fellowship with the SKAA faculty for the winner of each category**

**Shoulder orthopaedics**
Instability, rotator cuff, frozen shoulder, arthroplasty, sports injuries of the shoulder

**Knee orthopaedics**
ACL and other ligaments, meniscus, cartilage, patellofemoral instability, arthroplasty

**Rehabilitation**
Physiotherapy, kinesiology and sports medicine after shoulder and knee injury or surgery, testing, return to play

The winners are announced at the closing of the symposium on 5 November 2027. Details of the fellowship (host centre, dates, conditions) will be agreed with the winners.

## 1. WHO CAN SUBMIT AND WHAT

- Abstracts are invited for **poster presentation only**. The scientific programme of SKAA 2027 consists of invited lectures, live battles and re-live surgery; there are no free oral presentations.
- Topics: shoulder and knee – surgery, sports medicine, physiotherapy and rehabilitation – on the whole path **from injury to play**. On submission the author selects one of the three categories: **Shoulder orthopaedics**, **Knee orthopaedics** or **Rehabilitation**. The Scientific Committee may reassign an abstract to a more suitable category.
- Accepted study types: original research (clinical or experimental), systematic review or meta-analysis, case report or case series, technical note.
- An author may submit up to **three abstracts as presenting author** and may be a co-author on further abstracts. Each abstract may list up to **eight authors**.
- The abstract must be written in **English**. The Scientific Committee does not correct language, spelling or grammar; poorly written abstracts may be rejected.
- Abstracts should contain original work that has not been published in a peer-reviewed journal before the symposium. Work already presented at another meeting may be submitted if this is stated in the form.
- Abstracts with promotional or commercial content will be rejected. Use generic names for drugs, implants and devices wherever possible, and declare any conflict of interest.
- Studies involving patients or healthy volunteers must state the ethics approval in the Methods. Case reports require the patient's informed consent and must not contain identifying information.
- By submitting an abstract the authors confirm that all co-authors have approved it, that they accept these instructions and that the organisers may publish the abstract in the abstract book and on the symposium website.

## 2. KEY DATES

| DATE | MILESTONE |
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| **30 September 2027** | **Abstract submission deadline** (23:59 CET). The online form closes automatically; abstracts received later cannot be considered. |
| **by 15 October 2027** | Notification of acceptance or rejection by e-mail, including information on the poster format and on the selection for the Poster Battle. |
| **22 October 2027** | Registration deadline for presenting authors of accepted abstracts. |
| **4–5 November 2027** | SKAA 2027, Grand Hotel Bernardin, Portorož. Poster Battle · Shoulder on 4 November and Poster Battle · Knee on 5 November (16.00–17.00); Best Poster Awards at the closing of the symposium on 5 November (17.00–17.15). |

## 3. HOW TO SUBMIT

- Abstracts are accepted **only through the online abstract form** on the symposium website (menu **Abstracts**). Abstracts sent by e-mail or post cannot be accepted.
- The form asks for: presenting author (name, e-mail, institution); abstract title; all authors with affiliations; category; study type; the structured abstract text; 3–5 keywords; and the declarations (originality, co-author approval, ethics, registration of the presenting author, processing of personal data).
- After submission you receive an automatic confirmation e-mail with a copy of your abstract. If you do not receive it within 24 hours, write to **abstracts@skaa.si**.
- Corrections are possible until the deadline: send the corrected text to **abstracts@skaa.si** with the abstract title in the subject line. After the deadline no changes can be made.
- The poster itself is **not** submitted with the abstract. Posters are presented in **electronic form (e-posters)** – no printed posters. Together with the confirmation of acceptance, authors receive the e-poster design instructions (format, dimensions, template).

## 4. ABSTRACT FORMAT

### Title

- Concise and informative, **maximum 20 words**, in sentence case (capital letter only at the beginning and for proper nouns).
- No abbreviations, no trade names, no full stop at the end.

### Authors and affiliations

- Surname and initials of all authors (maximum eight) in the order they should appear; mark the presenting author.
- Affiliation for each author: department, institution, city, country.
- Do not include authors or institutions in the abstract text.

### Length and style

- Abstract text **maximum 500 words** (title, authors and keywords excluded). The form counts the words for you.
- Plain text only: no tables, figures, images or references.
- Define abbreviations at first use; use SI units; give exact p-values or confidence intervals for the main results.
- Report what was actually found – "results will be presented" is not acceptable.
- 3–5 keywords.

### Structure

**Original research · systematic review · technical note**

1. **Background and aim**
   – the clinical problem and the purpose of the study
2. **Methods**
   – design, participants, intervention, outcome measures, statistics
3. **Results**
   – the main findings with numbers
4. **Conclusion**
   – what the results mean for practice, from injury to play

**Case report · case series**

1. **Background**
   – why the case is instructive
2. **Case description**
   – patient, injury, diagnostics, treatment, rehabilitation, return to play
3. **Conclusions**

## 5. REVIEW AND SELECTION

- All abstracts are reviewed by the **Scientific Committee** of SKAA 2027. Reviewers see the abstract text without the authors' names.
- Scoring criteria: clearly stated aim · sound methodology and statistics · adequate sample size · clear and complete results · conclusions supported by the results · originality and clinical relevance · relevance to the theme *From injury to play*.
- Abstracts that do not follow these instructions (missing structure, over the word limit, promotional content, no ethics statement) may be rejected without review.
- Outcomes: **accepted for poster presentation** or **rejected**. The **four highest-scoring abstracts in each category** are additionally **selected for the Poster Battle** and compete for the best poster award.
- The decision of the Scientific Committee is final. Authors are informed by e-mail – please check your inbox (and spam folder) regularly.

## 6. POSTER BATTLE, BEST POSTER AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIP

- Awards are given in three categories: **Shoulder orthopaedics**, **Knee orthopaedics** and **Rehabilitation**.
- The selected posters are presented in the **Poster Battle** at the end of each symposium day (16.00–17.00). Each author has **5 minutes** to present the poster; a short PowerPoint presentation may be used. The session closes with a joint discussion and voting by the audience and the expert jury.
- The winner of each category is chosen by the **expert jury and the audience** on the basis of points and votes. Each member of the expert jury awards points for originality and clinical relevance, relevance to the theme *From injury to play*, the quality of the poster and its presentation, and the answers given in the

discussion; the audience votes for its favourite poster. Jury points and audience votes are combined to determine the winner.

- Each winner receives a **two-week fellowship** with a member of the SKAA faculty or at a partner institution to deepen their knowledge in their field. Details (host centre, dates and conditions) are agreed with the winners after the symposium.
- The winners are announced at the **closing of the symposium**. The presenting author must be present at the award ceremony; if a winner is absent, the award passes to the next-ranked poster in the category.

## 7. OBLIGATIONS OF THE PRESENTING AUTHOR

- The presenting author of an accepted abstract must **register for the symposium and pay the registration fee by 22 October 2027**. Abstracts without a registered presenting author are withdrawn from the programme and the abstract book.
- The presenting author presents the poster in person and, if selected for the Poster Battle, gives the 5-minute presentation. If this is not possible, a co-author may present instead – inform info@skaa.si in advance.
- Travel, accommodation and e-poster preparation costs are borne by the authors.
- The poster must be in English and must not contain promotional content; the organisers may remove posters that do not meet these conditions.

## 8. PUBLICATION

Accepted abstracts are published in the electronic abstract book of SKAA 2027 and on the symposium website in the form in which they were submitted. The abstract book is issued at the end of the symposium and catalogued in COBISS, the Slovenian national bibliographic system. Personal data of the authors are processed for the purpose of abstract review and organisation of the symposium and are stored for five years; deletion can be requested at any time at info@skaa.si.

## 9. CHECKLIST BEFORE YOU SUBMIT

- ☐ Category chosen: shoulder orthopaedics, knee orthopaedics or rehabilitation
- ☐ Title ≤ 20 words, no abbreviations
- ☐ All authors (≤ 8) with affiliations; presenting author marked
- ☐ Structured text ≤ 500 words, in English
- ☐ Actual results with numbers; conclusion supported by the results
- ☐ Ethics approval or patient consent stated; no identifying data
- ☐ No tables, figures, references or commercial content
- ☐ Submitted online before 30 September 2027, 23:59 CET

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