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Abstract

The *Journal of Applied Sport Management (JASM)* achieved a major milestone in Fall 2025 with its acceptance for indexing in Scopus, marking a pivotal advancement in the journal's visibility, credibility, and global reach. This accomplishment reflects years of collaborative effort among JASM's editors, reviewers, authors, and the Tennessee Research and Creative Exchange (TRACE) team at the University of Tennessee–Knoxville. Since its founding in 2009 as the *Journal of Sport Administration and Supervision* and subsequent rebranding in 2013, JASM has evolved into a leading open-access platform for applied sport management scholarship. Under the leadership of Dr. Marshall Magnusen (2020–2025), the journal realized its long-term goal of Scopus indexing, supported by the contributions of associate and assistant editors including Drs. Brooke Forester, Jun Kim, and Lawrence W. Judge. Beginning in 2026, Dr. Judge will assume the role of Editor, continuing to strengthen JASM's scholarly impact and international influence. With no author fees or access restrictions, JASM remains committed to advancing inclusive, evidence-based research that bridges theory and practice, positioning the journal among the foremost outlets in the field of sport management.

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The fall of 2025 marked a defining moment in the history of the *Journal of Applied Sport Management (JASM)*—its official acceptance for indexing in Scopus, one of the world’s most respected academic databases. This achievement represents not only a milestone for the journal but also a collective triumph of scholarly dedication, editorial excellence, and institutional collaboration. It is the result of years of sustained effort by numerous editors, members of the editorial board, reviewers, the Tennessee Research and Creative Exchange (TRACE) team at the University of Tennessee–Knoxville, and the many authors who entrusted their work to JASM. Each of these contributors has played a vital role in advancing the journal’s mission to bridge theory and practice in sport management, and they all deserve sincere recognition and appreciation on behalf of both JASM and the Applied Sport Management Association (ASMA).

The journal’s evolution reflects a history of visionary leadership. Since its inaugural publication in 2009—then titled the *Journal of Sport Administration and Supervision*—JASM has benefited from the stewardship of distinguished editors including Drs. Benjamin B. Goss, Michael Martinez, Damon Andrew, Matt Walker, and Erianne Weight. Their commitment to rigorous scholarship and practitioner relevance laid the foundation for the journal’s enduring success. The rebranding to JASM in 2013 symbolized a broader and more inclusive vision for applied sport management research.

In 2020, under the leadership of Dr. Marshall Magnusen, the journal entered a new era of strategic growth, with a clear goal of achieving Scopus indexing. That vision came to fruition in 2025, underscoring Dr. Magnusen’s exceptional editorial direction and the tireless efforts of a dedicated team. Among those instrumental in this success were Drs. Brooke Forester, Jun Kim, and Lawrence W. Judge, who each served in assistant or associate editor roles and contributed significantly to the journal’s scholarly rigor, review quality, and professional visibility. Beginning in 2026, Dr. Judge will assume the role of Editor and continue this upward trajectory, drawing upon his extensive academic and research experience to expand JASM’s global reach and enhance its impact factor.

The journal also extends heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Jenny Robins, who has served as JASM’s copy editor since 2021, ensuring precision, consistency, and professionalism across all published works, and to Rachel Hickey, who as a graduate student at Baylor University, provided exceptional support with layout and formatting. The continued partnership with TRACE has been integral to JASM’s success, enabling open-access publication and global dissemination of sport management scholarship. Special recognition is also due to Dr. Adam Love, whose introduction to TRACE helped establish this essential collaboration, facilitating the journal’s sustainable open-access model.

JASM remains a distinctive and accessible publishing outlet in the field of sport management. Free from the constraints of traditional commercial publishing, JASM operates as a fully open-access journal with no author processing charges or submission fees. This ensures that scholars, students, and practitioners worldwide—regardless of institutional affiliation or financial resources—can both publish in and access the journal freely. This equitable model promotes inclusivity, broadens participation in scholarly dialogue, and enhances the global impact of applied sport management research.

With the combination of Scopus indexing, rigorous peer review, and an open-access platform, JASM is now positioned among the most visible and credible journals in the discipline. As it continues to evolve, JASM reaffirms its mission: to advance evidence-based sport management practice through research that is accessible, applied, and impactful. The journal’s ascent reflects not only its past accomplishments but also its ongoing commitment to shaping the future of sport management scholarship.

