

Journal of Coaching Education

Notes from the Editor

Hello and thank you for your interest in the *Journal of Coach Education*. Many of you have been waiting for the 2009 issues to hit cyberspace and I wanted to let you know what your editorial board has been up to. The inaugural year of publication was a smashing success with two issues providing readers with the best applied research to enhance coach education and coach development. As the word got out that this is the new publication for applied and to-the-point scholarship on all issues facing today's coaching profession, we were inundated with a wide range of manuscripts, all worthy of publication, but not necessarily fitting the format of the newly created journal. So we went back to the drawing board, listened to our expert reviewers, and have created a few new features and manuscript submission formats for the coming year. I will outline a few of our new initiatives here and encourage your continued feedback as we strive to maintain a high quality, applied research publication.

Call for Reviewers, and Reviewer Training

The first item of interest is a planned meeting during the AAHPERD Convention in Indianapolis March 2010 for reviewer training. The planned three-hour training for new and returning reviewers/authors will be spent explaining the new sections of the *JCE* and review criteria. We also hope to create a clearer standard for acceptance to the established publication criteria. Please consider becoming a reviewer and attending this meeting as our reviewing needs continue to grow. Details will be made available as soon as the convention schedule is finalized. The *JCE* is striving to provide an efficient online submission and publication process that will allow research to reach the reader in less than one year from submission. Our goal is to have manuscripts processed and back to the author or accepted for publication in 30 days or less. That is only possible with high quality reviewers committed to the goals of increasing the professional development of coaches and promoting coach education as a scholarly field in its own right. Finally, the annual meeting of the *JCE* Review Board will occur during the National Coaching Educators Conference in June 2010. Please contact me or the NASPE office if you are interested in becoming a reviewer.

Publication calendar

The *JCE* Editorial Board has worked to stabilize a set publication calendar for three issues to be online in April, August, and December. Starting in 2010, the August issue will be dedicated to publishing the keynote address, selected plenary sessions, and abstracts of poster presentations from the annual National Coaching Educators' Conference supported by NASPE, NCACE, and other USA Coaching Coalition members. The addition of the third issue provides even greater exposure to the scholarship being done in coach education.



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Fee subscriptions

The growing interest in the *JCE* will be rewarded with another year of no-fee access by individuals until 2011. Institutional charges will remain as they are. NASPE is also considering other possible revenue streams such as fees for listing interested university coaching programs and advertising of sport organization coaching education programs on the *JCE* website. While the heart of a good research publication is the freedom from sponsorship pressures or bias, we believe the posting of quality coach education programs and possible advertisements from companies/organizations who exhibit at the National Coaching Educators' Conference would be a viable interest to our readers. The quantity and quality of coach education resources is growing at an electrifying rate; the *JCE* should be part of the dissemination. The *JCE* Editorial Board looks forward to your thoughts and interest in this initiative.

New Book Review Section

Starting with the August 2009 issue, the *JCE* will be adding a new feature to the publication layout with invited book reviews. This section will provide readers with insightful reviews of the latest textbooks and personal reads that inspire good coaching and coaching education. Reviews will be 1,000 words in length and will provide a critique of the quality, meaning, and significance of the book, along with a final recommendation for readers. Review criteria is available on this web site, but here are the basics: the book reviewed must be published within 18 months of submission of the review; the review must be original to the *JCE* and have not been accepted for publication elsewhere; or the book itself may be submitted by the author or recommended by a coaching professional. The publication review process will be expedited by a small committee of *JCE* Editorial Board members. This new feature is sure to add to the breath of resources presented to the readers and provide a unique publication outlet for new scholars and experienced coaches wishing to share their expertise. Let us know what you think of our August issue selection "*Talent identification and development: The search for excellence*" by Fisher and Bailey (2008).

From the Field

Another new addition to the *JCE* layout, starting with the December 2009 issue, will be a section called "From the Field". This section was prompted by our mutual need to present scholarly research and applied best practices to our readers. It is hoped that this section will provide an avenue for researchers who want to emphasize the application of their research, or expert level coaches who are willing to share their best practices from an action research perspective. The manuscripts will be shorter in length, include author bios to present the experiential credentials, and provide an expanded discussion section. All manuscripts must still have a connection to research or theory in the introduction. A call for papers and publication criteria appear at the end of this issue. A few expert coaches have already been invited to submit proposals, but all action-oriented researchers are encouraged to consider the call for papers.



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Thank You

Finally, a sincere “thank you” to our hard working Managing Editor Christine Bolger and NASPE Staff Liaison Vickie List. They have both done a fantastic job streamlining the submission process and providing a seamless transition of field editors. The *JCE* is most appreciative of Christine’s leadership throughout the birth of this publication. Her joyful enthusiasm and optimistic attitude created a nurturing atmosphere for the publication to develop. As Christine leaves the NASPE office to pursue her career in other sport education venues, we know the *JCE* has a friend in the coaching education world and look forward to her continued support and guidance. We simply couldn’t have done it without you Christine! I look forward to my tenure as the Field Editor for *JCE* and am always willing to hear your comments on how to expand and improve the value of this publication. Thank you and enjoy the August issue of *JCE*.

Jody Brylinsky
JCE Field Editor

