Sport Governance

Governance involves concepts of direction, control and regulation. In essence, organisation governance is the responsibility for the functioning and overall direction of the organisation and is a necessary and institutionalised component of all sporting codes from club level to national bodies, government agencies, sport service organisations and professional teams around the world.

This Special Issue on governance in sport, which has come to be known as “sport governance”, aims to bring together papers that will present a range of issues and perspectives on sport governance practice and theory. The Special Issue also seeks to map out future directions for research on sport governance. Suggested topics of focus include:

**Governance of sport organisations** encompassing the work of the board of, for example, national/state, sport organisations, sport service organisations, sport facilities, professional leagues/clubs, franchises etc. Also known as “corporate governance” or “organisational governance” themes could include board leadership, board dynamics, board diversity, role of the board, board involvement in strategy, board composition, board evaluation, board structure, volunteer motivation, ethics.

**Systemic governance** encompassing the interaction of organisations and groups working across sport within a nation state. Themes could include inter-organisational relationships, network governance, collaborative governance, ethical governance, stakeholder relationships.

**Global governance** encompassing global sport organisations, and their interactions with nation states, such as, IOC, international federations.

**Future trends**, models, patterns and structures in sport governance (e.g., centralised/unitary model vs decentralised/federated model).

Intending contributors are invited to informally discuss their proposed paper with the Guest Editors prior to submission.

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