

Call for Papers - Special Issue on 'Sports Economics'

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Topic

Since the publication of the now seminal articles by Simon Rottenberg (1956) on the baseball players' labor market and by Walter C. Neale (1964) on the peculiarities of the professional team sport industry, professional sports has become an industry that many already consider "big business". The sport business is a particularly interesting industry to study due to the abundance of large data sets including economically relevant information on e.g. firm performance, worker productivity and wages. Contributions to the special issue may deal with, but are not limited to the following topics:

- **The Economics of Professional Team Sports** (peculiarities of professional team sports; outcome uncertainty and competitive balance; demand for professional team sports).
- **Players, Coaches and Referees in Professional Team Sports** (determinants of player salaries and transfers fees; impact of contract length and incentive clauses on individual performance; pay dispersion and team performance; effort and cheating ("tanking") in professional team sports; player turnover and team performance; causes and consequences of head coach dismissals; referee behavior and referee bias).
- **The Economics of Professional Individual Sports** (incentive and selection effects of prize money; decision-making in individual sports (cheating, doping and risk-taking); gender differences in competitive orientations; choking under pressure).
- **The Economics of Leisure and Recreational Sports** (overconfidence and reference-dependent preferences; loss aversion; physical activity and well-being; impact of physical activity on educational and labor market outcomes; discrimination in recreational sports).
- **The Economics of Mega-Sport Events** (legacy of mega sport events; citizens' willingness to pay for mega sport events; funding of elite sports; determinants of Olympic success).

All papers will be refereed by one of the guest editors and two anonymous referees. They should be submitted in English through the online portal <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jbnst> selecting research-article as type and "Special Issue: Sports Economics" as attribute.

If you are in doubt whether your paper fits into the special issue, please contact the guest editors.

Dates

Submission of full papers:	Before November 30, 2023
Feedback from referees:	No later than January 31, 2024
Submission of revised papers:	Before March 15, 2024

Finally accepted papers will be published immediately online ahead of print.