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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the “*Sports* 2019 Best Paper Awards” for research and review articles published in *Sports* from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019. Three research articles will receive the award. We hope these awards will encourage the publication of other high-quality papers in the journal. The papers will be selected after a thorough evaluation by the journal Award Committee, and the winners will be announced in September 2021.

## 2019 BEST PAPER AWARDS

### **Eligibility for the awards:**

- Papers published in *Sports* from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019;
- Open to all career levels;
- Both regular and Special Issue submissions will be considered.

### **Selection criteria:**

The papers will be selected by the journal Award Committee according to the following criteria (data source: Web of Science (Clarivate Analytics)):

- Scientific merit and broad impact;
- Relevance to the journal’s field;
- Originality of the research objectives and/or the ideas presented;
- Creativity of the study design or uniqueness of the approaches and concepts;
- Clarity of presentation;
- Citation and download rates in 2020.

### **Prizes:**

- First award (one research article): 500 CHF;
- Second award (one research article): 300 CHF;
- Third award (one research article): 100 CHF.

Additionally, each winner will receive a certificate and an offer to publish a paper free of charge in *Sports* in 2022.

The winners will be announced on the journal website in September 2021.

Kind regards,  
*Sports* Editorial Office

