

Sports Psychiatry - Journal of Sports and Exercise Psychiatry

Call for papers

Sports psychiatric aspects of mountaineering and alpine sports: When the mountains are calling

We are soliciting manuscripts for inclusion in an issue of *Sports Psychiatry – Journal of Sports and Exercise Psychiatry* with the topic on “**Sports psychiatric aspects of mountaineering and alpine sports: When the mountains are calling**”.

We welcome conceptual or empirical manuscripts with an international focus on the topic. This can include review articles, meta-analyses, consensus statements, full original research reports, case-reports, or brief communications, in keeping with the usual article types for *Sports Psychiatry*. The issue will focus on the following topics:

Studies with a focus on high-level athletes, mountain guides and alpine sports as a popular sport that...

- examine the prevalence and course of psychiatric disorders in mountaineering, climbing and other alpine sports.
- examine sports-specific stressors and mental disorder-promoting factors such as trauma, anxiety, and altitude-related physiological changes.
- discuss mountain specific accidents and their effects on mental health.
- focus on specific personality traits and other psychological factors associated with alpine sports.
- analyze specific psychological challenges and their impact on performance and/or security during mountaineering and other alpine sports.
- propose specific projects, frameworks, or infrastructures to enhance mental health in alpine sports.

Studies with a focus on beneficial effects on mental health of mountaineering and other alpine sports that...

- focus on mountaineering and other alpine sports as preventive and resilience-promoting factors for mental disorders including possible moderators.
- analyze therapeutic effects of alpine sports such as rock climbing, bouldering, and others during treatment of mental disorders.
- report and/or analyze combinations of psychotherapy and alpine sports.
- analyze or propose psychological models associated with beneficial effects of alpine sports for mental health.
- report neurobiological effects of alpine sports including altitude-related factors.

Article types

- Original research, abstract max. 250 words; article max. 3000 words; max. 60 references; max. 6 fig./tab.
- Reviews / meta-analyses, abstract max. 250 words; article max. 4000 words; max. 80 references; max. 6 fig./tab.
- Letter to the editor / case reports / commentaries, max. 1000 words; max. 10 references; max. 1 fig./tab.
- Consensus statements, position papers, scope, only after prior editorial board approval

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Authors are invited to submit a full manuscript due **August 31, 2024**. An optional letter of intent could be emailed to christian.imboden@pkwyss.ch. All manuscripts will be subject to full editorial board and peer review. All accepted papers will be published in advance. We anticipate that the issue will be published in Winter 2024.

We are looking forward to your submissions!

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