

## **GUIDELINES FOR CONTRIBUTORS**

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**Journals**

Sallis, J.F., & McKenzie, T.L. (1991). Physical education's role in public health. *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*, 62(2), 124-137.

Trstenjak, D., & Žugić, Z. (1999). Sport as a form of social involvement – The case of tennis. *Kinesiology*, 31(2), 50-61.

**Chapters in books**

Sparkes, A.C. (1997). Reflections on the socially constructed self. In K. Fox (Ed.), *The physical self: From motivation to well-being* (pp. 83-110). Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.

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Kasović, M., Medved, V., & Vučetić, V. (2002). Testing of take-off capacities in the lower extremities of top football players. In D. Milanović & F. Prot (Eds.), *Proceedings Book of 3<sup>rd</sup> International Scientific Conference "Kinesiology – New Perspectives"* (pp. 677-680). Zagreb: Faculty of Kinesiology, University of Zagreb.

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U.S. Department of Education. (1997). *Title IX: 25 years of progress* /on-line/. Retrieved April 15, 1999 from: [www.ed.gov/pubs/TitleIX/title.html](http://www.ed.gov/pubs/TitleIX/title.html)

Yi Xiao, D. (2000). Experiencing the library in a panorama virtual reality environment. *Library Hi Tech*, 18, 2, 177–184. Retrieved July 30, 2001 from: <http://isacco.anbar.com/vl=666630/cl=8/nw=1/rpsv/cw/mcb/07378831/v18n2/s9/p177.html>

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### Theses

Marelić, N. (1998). *Kineziološka analiza karakteristika ekipne igre odbojkaša juniora*. [Kinesiological analysis of the junior volleyball team play characteristics. In Croatian.] (Unpublished doctoral dissertation, University of Zagreb) Zagreb: Fakultet za fizičku kulturu Sveučilišta u Zagrebu.

Horvatin-Fučkar, M. (2002). *Povezanost ritma i uspjeha u sportskoj i ritmičkoj gimnastici*. [Relationship between rhythm and success in artistic gymnastics and rhythmic gymnastics. In Croatian.] (Unpublished Master's thesis, University of Zagreb) Zagreb: Kineziološki fakultet Sveučilišta u Zagrebu.

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