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Editor-in-Chief Note

Research serves as a vital cornerstone for societal development and advancement. For societies to progress, it is essential to have institutions that actively promote and institutionalize a culture of research. In today's rapidly evolving scientific landscape, research into sports movements, motor development, and learning is gaining momentum on a global scale. However, one fundamental principle that must always be prioritized is research ethics. Research ethics extends beyond mere legal or regulatory compliance; it embodies a core principle that every researcher should uphold—ensuring that research outcomes are not only scientifically valid and credible but also humane and ethically sound. In the field of sports science and motor learning, researchers often interact with a variety of human populations, including athletes, students, children, and other vulnerable groups. This reality heightens the ethical responsibilities that researchers bear. Foremost among these responsibilities are the protection of human rights, respect for the dignity and integrity of participants, the avoidance of exploitation in research settings, and the maintenance of strict confidentiality regarding personal information.

A fundamental principle of research ethics in this field is ensuring that participants possess a thorough understanding of the research procedures and their potential implications. Prior to starting any study, researchers must secure informed and voluntary consent from all participants, ensuring that there is no coercion or undue influence involved. Additionally, every effort must be made to uphold these ethical standards throughout the research process.

The ethical dissemination of research outcomes is equally vital. Upholding scholarly integrity requires that findings be presented transparently and without bias. Any distortion or manipulation of data undermines the scientific validity of the research and diminishes public trust in science overall.

Scientific journals and academic publications play a vital role worldwide in expanding the frontiers of knowledge, showcasing scientific achievements, providing platforms for recognizing scholars, faculty members, and researchers across disciplines, and fostering scientific and scholarly collaboration. In this context, the *Journal of Sports and Motor Development and Learning* aims to contribute meaningfully to this field by emphasizing adherence to ethical principles in both basic and applied research. We strongly believe that maintaining high ethical standards will empower the research community to generate valuable insights in sports science and motor learning, ultimately enhancing the quality of life.

In alignment with its strategic mission—and as a respected academic journal in the field of sports science within the country—the Journal invites all esteemed researchers to pursue their scholarly work with utmost integrity, steadfast adherence to ethical principles, and a commitment to transparency and fairness. In doing so, they will enhance the scientific discourse of the journal and contribute to the advancement of knowledge within the broader academic community.

Here's to the ongoing success of all researchers,

Mahmoud Sheikh

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