



CALL FOR PAPERS
38th National Student Research Conference
Physical Education and Sport Science Section

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The National Association for Student Research (OTDT), the OTDT Physical Education and Sport Science Section Committee, and the organizing Eszterházy Károly Catholic University, Institute of Sports Sciences hereby announce the 38th National Student Research Conference's Physical Education and Sport Science Section under the conditions specified in the following call. The conditions for participation and registration in the Physical Education and Sport Science Section of the 38th OTDK are set out in the General Call of the 38th OTDK and in this specific Call issued by the OTDT Physical Education and Sport Science Section Committee.

2. Eligibility Criteria

2.1 Who is eligible to participate

In the 38th National Student Research Conference (OTDK), TDK papers and authors may participate that meet the conditions specified in the General Call for the 38th National Student Research Conference. Details are provided in Supplement 2 of the General Call for the 38th OTDK.

Student research groups from cross-border universities and colleges may participate in the 38th OTDK under the same professional conditions as institutions in Hungary. Further details are available in the General Call for the 38th OTDK. The conference is also open to secondary school students in Hungary and across borders who present their research results at conferences of higher education institutions or national high school science student conferences (for details see Supplement 4 of the General Call for the 38th OTDK) and are nominated for participation in the OTDK. A detailed description of the participation of secondary school students is available in the General Call of the 38th OTDK.

A thesis produced in the course of continuous TDK activity during BA and BSc studies, can be entered to the 38th OTDK, if it meets the requirements of the Call and its Supplements and has been presented at a student research conference either during the BA/BSc or the subsequent MA/MSc training and has there been delegated to the OTDK.

2.2. Supplement 1 to the Section Call includes the following:

- Content and format requirements for TDK papers and abstracts
- Evaluation criteria for the TDK paper and the presentation.

3. Sessions/topics

3.1 Planned sports science sessions/topics

1. Health science aspects of physical education and sport
2. Educational issues in physical education and sport
3. The social impact of physical education and sport
4. Sport psychology
5. Methodology of physical education
6. Sports management, sport marketing, sports economy
7. Recreational sports, sports tourism
8. Competitive sport, parasport
9. Training theory, exercise physiology, sports performance
10. Movement and performance analysis
11. Human kinesiology and biomechanics
12. Adapted physical education, movement therapy, therapeutic exercise
13. Fitness and anthropometric tests
14. Innovation, digitalization and artificial intelligence in physical education and sport

During the application process, students must indicate which session would be the most suitable for presenting their TDK paper. An author may submit a maximum of two TDK papers to the Physical Education and Sport Science Section.

4. Rules for the establishment of the final session assignment

The fundamental rules for the establishment of the final session assignment are included in the General Call of the 38th OTDK. The Physical Education and Sport Science Section Committee may, based on the number of TDK papers received and their topic, merge some of the planned sessions/topics or create additional ones, so that the TDK paper may be assigned to a different session than the one indicated by the authors during registration.

The condition for starting an independent session is the receipt of at least 6 TDK papers in the given topic, on the condition that at least 5 of the 6 to 15 papers will be presented at the OTDK. If the number of TDK papers to be presented in a given session is fewer than 5, that session may be merged with another session. The organizing institution, with the agreement of the Section Committee, reserves the right to redirect submissions with content that does not align with the Section's field of study to another session of the National Student Research Conference that is more appropriate for the topic, with thanks for the application.

The final decision regarding the sessions, and the classification of the TDK papers will be made by the Physical Education and Sport Science Section Committee. Students will be informed of this decision via the OTDT online system no later than 31 March 2027.

4.1. Steps of registration for applicants

4.1.1. Pre-registration of TDK papers

Following the student research conference:

Section selection and TDK paper upload within 30 days after receiving the email specified in point 4 of Supplement 2 of the General Call for the 38th OTDK.

ATTENTION! Uploading a TDK paper does not automatically constitute an entry to the OTDK, applications must be submitted during the registration period, following the steps described in the next section.

4.1.2. The application

Registration period: 16 November 2026 – 13 January 2027, 16:00 (CET)

Students' tasks during this period are as follows:

- Filling in the information related to the uploaded application.
- As a general rule, the abstract must be uploaded in Hungarian.
- Students from non-Hungarian-speaking cross-border higher education institutions can submit their abstract in Hungarian or in English.
- Non-Hungarian native speaker students can submit their abstract and TDK paper in English or in Hungarian.
- On the abstract upload page, providing five keywords that do not appear in the title of the paper.
- An author may submit a maximum of two TDK papers to the Physical Education and Sport Science Section.
- A TDK paper may have a maximum of two authors and two supervisors.
- Detailed requirements regarding the abstract are provided in Supplement 1 to this Section Call.
- After completing the data entry and uploading the abstract, finalizing the registration in the OTDT online system.

After the registration deadline for students (13 January 2027, 16:00 CET) it will no longer be possible to upload application documents in the OTDT online system.

4.2. Additional tasks for students who have obtained a pre-degree certificate or are expected to obtain a pre-degree certificate in the semester of registration

Students who obtained a pre-degree certificate between the qualifying institutional TDK conference and the 38th OTDK must declare the date of obtaining their pre-degree certificate in the OTDT online system during the application process (those who are expected to obtain their pre-degree certificate in the semester of application, after the application deadline, must indicate that they are expected to obtain it in the semester of application).

In the case of students who qualified at ETDK, FTDK, KTDK, or VMTDK conferences, the expected date of finalizing the application to the 38th OTDK must be indicated as the date of the pre-degree certificate, as this has already been verified upon their acceptance to the qualifying conference.

5. Tasks of the TDT Chairs in relation to the 38th OTDK

5.1. Following the student research conference:

Uploading the documents of the student research conference and sending them to the OTDT Office according to Supplement 2 of the General Call for the 38th OTDK.

5.2. Following the participants' registration deadline:

- a) Approval of participant registrations in the OTDT online system (all registrations are automatically approved in the system, therefore, action is required only if the institution/faculty does not wish to delegate a submitted TDK paper to the OTDK).
- b) Approval in the OTDT online system of the consolidated list containing the approved applications of TDK papers and their authors submitted to the Physical Education and Sport Science Section, and/or its generation from the online system and signature with a qualified electronic signature, or printing and signing, followed by electronic upload to the OTDT online system. By approving/signing the consolidated list, the TDT Chairs also declare that all TDK papers and their authors included therein meet the requirements set out in Supplement 2 to the General Call of the 38th OTDK.

Deadline for institutional and faculty TDT Chairs to upload documents to the OTDT online system: **18 January 2027, 16:00 (CET)**. After the deadline it will no longer be possible to upload application documents to the OTDT online system.

We are unable to accept TDK papers that do not meet the requirements outlined in the Section Call; such applications will be rejected.

Applications submitted individually are invalid.

6. Registration fee

The registration fees for the 38th OTDK will be determined at a later stage, subject to the availability of funding.

The awards that can be granted at the OTDK and the Special Prize of the Session Panel

A certificate of participation in the OTDK will be awarded to all authors and supervisors of each paper presented. In addition, a maximum of one third of the papers presented may be awarded one of the first, second and third places per section, taking into account that a maximum of one entry per session may be awarded first place. The Section Panel may award a special prize to those papers that do not achieve ranking but are judged by the Session Panel to be worthy of recognition on the basis of their professional merit, and which are judged to be immediately behind the winning applications. The authors of the winning papers and those of the papers receiving the Special Prize of the Session Panel will each receive a certificate for the ranking or the Special Prize of the Session Panel.

The total number of winning papers and papers awarded the Special Prize of the Session Panel may not exceed 50% of the total number of papers presented in a section. Further rules on prizes are set out in Supplement 3 to the General Call.

8. Submission of Pro Scientia Gold Medal application

Authors of TDK papers awarded first place at the national conference may apply for the Pro Scientia Gold Medal, provided that they meet the additional criteria set out in the call. Details are given in Supplement 5 to the General Call for the 38th OTDK.

We invite and welcome all interested student researchers and their supervisors.

Budapest, 21 April 2026.

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Supplement:
Supplement 1