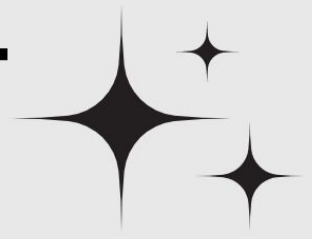


SPECIAL ISSUE

FANDOM AND THE SCHOLAR



Scholars analyze various types of sports fandoms across the global seeking to understand sports lure, enthusiasts' commitments, and fans' practices. What is less studied is the impact of sports fandom upon the scholars examining the many relationships and engagements of sport and religion. For the Fall 2024 edition, the IJSR seeks submissions related to understanding the connection of the scholar to sports fandom. Submissions focusing on theorizing the relationship between the researcher and the research topic of sports through religious studies frameworks are particularly relevant; however, all disciplinary approaches will be considered. Some pertinent themes include:

- Sports Fandom as Scholarly Motivation
- Sports Fandom as Scholarly Interference
- The Positionality of the Scholar/The Positionality of the Fan
- How Neutral Can the Sports Fan Scholar Truly Be?
- Methodological Considerations for the Sports Fan Scholar