

Special Issue

The Collision of Race, Religion and Sports

Message from the Guest Editors

Race, religion, and sports are important concepts that shape and are shaped by everything from social institutions to an individual's, group's, or nation's worldview. We seek manuscripts for a Special Issue that explores what happens when race, religion, and sports collide, particularly after the killing of Trayvon Martin through to the conviction of Dereck Chauvin for the brutal killing of George Floyd. These two killings and many others marked the rise and peak of the collective actions commonly referred to as the Black Lives Matter movement. We define religion broadly to include social institutions, beliefs, symbols, and rituals but also as an orientation or way of understanding one's place in the world. Submissions may focus on any range of relevant topics, including, but not limited to, sports from the grassroots level to the professional level. Submissions may address reactions to athlete activism from elected officials to CEOs to Power 5 Conference Commissioners, the roles of black women athletes and nonblack athletes supporters, etc., among other topics.

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