

PAEDIATRIC ORTHOPAEDIC SOCIETY OF INDIA (POSI)

POSICON 2027

Postgraduate (PG) Paper Session

Rules, Eligibility & Disciplinary Policy

(Enclosure Annexure I: Eligibility Certificate & Self-Declaration Form)

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1. Introduction

POSICON 2027 introduces a new Free Paper category, the Postgraduate (PG) Paper Session, open exclusively to research conducted by postgraduate trainees in Orthopaedics during their training. This document sets out the eligibility criteria, required documentation, submission workflow, and disciplinary policy governing this session. It is to be read together with the General Free Paper Session guidelines, which continue to apply except where varied below.

2. Definitions

- “Postgraduate (PG)” means a candidate pursuing, or who has completed, - MS, DNB, or MCh degree in Paediatric Orthopaedics or Fellowship in Paediatric Orthopaedics.
- “PG Tenure” means the period from the presenter’s date of enrolment/registration in the postgraduate programme to the date of completion (successful passing of the final examination/certification) of that programme.
- “Head of Department (HOD)” means the individual currently holding charge of the Department of Orthopaedics (or equivalent unit) at the institution where the presenter underwent postgraduate training, regardless of whether that individual held the post during the presenter’s PG tenure.
- “Presenting Author” means the individual who conducted the study, is submitting the abstract, and will present the paper at POSICON 2027 — these three roles must be held by the same person.

3. Eligibility Criteria

- a) The study must have been both conducted and concluded entirely within the presenting author’s PG Tenure.
- b) The date of conclusion of the study must fall within two (2) years immediately preceding the abstract submission deadline for POSICON 2027.
- c) The presenting author must be the primary/majority contributor to the research.
- d) The presenting author must be the same individual who conducted the study, is submitting the abstract, and will present it — no substitution of any of these three roles is permitted.
- e) Each eligible individual may submit only one (1) paper under the PG Paper Session.
- f) The title of the paper submitted online must be identical to the title certified in Annexure I.
- g) Institutional Ethics Committee approval (or a documented exemption) for the study is mandatory and must be cited on Annexure I.

4. Required Documentation

Every submission to the PG Paper Session must be accompanied by a completed and signed Annexure I: PG Paper Session — Eligibility Certificate & Self-Declaration Form, reproduced at the end of this document. Annexure I combines the presenting author’s self-declaration and the Head of Department’s certification into a single form so that only one document needs to be prepared, signed, and tracked.

5. Submission & Verification Workflow

- The abstract is submitted online through the POSICON 2027 portal by the abstract submission deadline.

- A scanned copy of the fully signed Annexure I (both Part A and Part B, duly signed) must be uploaded on the portal by the same deadline.
- The original hard copy of Annexure I, bearing wet-ink signatures and, where applicable, the department seal, must be brought by the presenting author and submitted at the POSICON 2027 registration desk at the conference.
- The Scientific Committee reserves the right to compare the uploaded copy against the hard copy submitted at the conference. Any discrepancy between the two will be treated as a declaration discrepancy under the Disciplinary Policy (Section 8).
- Submissions without a complete Annexure I by the deadline will not be considered for the PG Paper Session, but may still be considered under the General Free Paper category if they independently qualify under those guidelines.

6. Evaluation

In addition to the standard judging criteria applicable to all Free Paper submissions, one additional evaluation point will be awarded to presenters who, as of the abstract submission deadline, are either currently enrolled in their PG programme or have completed it within the preceding one (1) year.

7. Ethics, Data & Verification Requirements

- Ethics Committee approval is mandatory for every submission; the approval number (or exemption reference) must be furnished on Annexure I.
- Submitted abstracts and manuscripts may be screened using plagiarism-detection software. The similarity threshold applied is at the discretion of the Scientific Committee and will not be disclosed.
- The list of co-authors furnished at the time of submission is final. No addition, removal, or reordering of co-authors will be permitted after the abstract submission deadline.
- The Scientific Committee may, at its discretion, request the presenting author to produce raw data, case records, or other supporting documentation. Such material must be produced within fourteen (14) days of the request.
- The presenting author must produce valid original photo identification, matching the details furnished at submission, at the conference prior to presenting. Presentation by any individual other than the verified presenting author will be treated as impersonation under Section 8.

8. Disciplinary Policy

8.1 Grounds for Action

- Plagiarism, in the abstract, manuscript, or presentation.
- Fabrication or falsification of data or results.
- False declaration regarding PG status, study dates, PG tenure dates, authorship, or contribution.
- Impersonation of the presenting author.
- Unauthorised alteration of the co-author list after submission.
- Failure to produce data/documentation when requested under Section 7.
- Any discrepancy between the Annexure I uploaded online and the hard copy submitted at the conference.

8.2 Process

Where the Scientific Committee has reason to believe that a submission involves any ground listed in Section 8.1, it will issue written notice to the presenting author, with a copy to the certifying Head of Department, describing the concern. The presenting author will have fourteen (14) days from the date of notice to respond in writing. The Scientific Committee will consider any response received before arriving at a decision.

8.3 Penalties

Where the Scientific Committee finds that a submission involved any ground listed in Section 8.1, the presenting author will be permanently disqualified from presenting at POSICON, in any edition. Any prize, award, or certificate already given in respect of the paper will be withdrawn. The presenting author's department will be formally notified of the finding.

8.4 Retrospective Application

This policy applies without any time limit. Action may be taken under this section even after the conclusion of POSICON 2027, or after an award or certificate has been given, if grounds under Section 8.1 come to light at a later date.

8.5 Confidentiality

All disciplinary proceedings under this policy will be kept confidential until concluded. Only the outcome, where action is taken, will be communicated to the presenting author, the certifying Head of Department/institution, and the POSI leadership, as applicable.

9. Governing Clause

The decision of the POSICON Scientific Committee on any matter arising under this policy — eligibility, evaluation, or discipline — is final and binding. No appeal will be entertained.

For and on behalf of the Paediatric Orthopaedic Society of India

Dr. Jayanth Sampath

Secretary, POSI

Date: 20th August 2026

ANNEXURE I
POSICON 2027 — PG Paper Session
Eligibility Certificate & Self-Declaration Form

To be completed in full, signed by both the Presenting Author and the current Head of Department, scanned and uploaded with the abstract submission. The original signed hard copy must be brought to and submitted at the POSICON 2027 registration desk.

Paper & Presenter Details

Title of Paper (must match submitted abstract)	
Abstract Submission Reference No.	
Name of Presenting Author (Should be same as online submission. Cannot be changed)	
Institution / Department	
PG Degree & Subject (MS / DNB / MCh)	
PG Tenure — Start Date	
PG Tenure — Completion Date	
Study — Start Date	
Study — Conclusion Date	
Ethics Committee Approval No. / Exemption Ref.	
Co-Authors, in order (final — locked at submission)	

Part A — Self-Declaration & Undertaking by Presenting Author

I, Dr. _____, the Presenting Author named above, declare and undertake that:

- a) I am the primary/majority contributor to this research, and I am the presenting, submitting, and corresponding author for this work.
- b) This work was conducted and concluded entirely within my postgraduate tenure as stated above.
- c) The study's conclusion date stated above falls within two (2) years of the POSICON 2027 abstract submission deadline.
- d) This is original work, and appropriate Institutional Ethics Committee approval (or a documented exemption) has been obtained, as cited above.
- e) The co-author list stated above is final and will not be altered after the abstract submission deadline.
- f) I understand that plagiarism-detection software may be used to screen this submission.

- g) I agree to produce, upon request from the Scientific Committee, any raw data, case records, or supporting documentation within fourteen (14) days of such a request.
- h) I understand that I must produce valid original photo identification matching this submission at the conference for verification.
- i) I have no undisclosed conflict of interest in relation to this work, other than:

- j) I understand that if any information provided here or in the abstract is found to be false, fabricated, plagiarised, or misrepresented — including any discrepancy between the copy uploaded online and the hard copy submitted at the conference — I will be subject to disciplinary action under the POSICON PG Paper Session Disciplinary Policy, which may include permanent disqualification from presenting at any future POSICON, forfeiture of any prize or certificate awarded, and formal notification to my institution.
- k) I understand and accept that such action may be taken at any time, including after the conference, if such issues come to light later.
- l) I understand and accept that the decision of the POSICON Scientific Committee on any such matter is final and binding, and that no appeal will be entertained.
- m) I understand that any disciplinary proceedings arising from this declaration will be kept confidential until concluded.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (block letters): _____

Place: _____

Part B — Certification by Head of Department

I, Dr. _____, currently Head of the Department of _____ at _____, hereby certify that:

- a) Dr. _____ (the Presenting Author named above) was enrolled as a postgraduate (MS/DNB/MCh) trainee in Orthopaedics in this department during the PG Tenure stated above.
- b) To the best of my knowledge and departmental records, the study named _____
_____ was conducted and concluded entirely during the above-stated PG Tenure.
- c) The Presenting Author was the primary/majority contributor to this research.
- d) The title, dates, and other details furnished in this Annexure are accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- e) I understand that this certificate will be relied upon by the POSICON Scientific Committee for the purposes of the PG Paper Session, and that any misrepresentation may result in this department being formally notified of a disciplinary finding against the Presenting Author.

Signature & Seal: _____ Date: _____

Name (block letters): _____

Designation: _____

Department / Institution: _____

This form must be signed by both parties, scanned, and uploaded with the abstract submission. The original signed hard copy, with department seal where applicable, must be brought to and submitted at the POSICON 2027 registration desk. Any discrepancy between the uploaded copy and the hard copy will be treated as a declaration discrepancy under Section 8 of the PG Paper Session Rules.