Sport Discus user guide

COVERAGE
Produced by SIRC (Sport Information Resource Centre) in Canada, Sport Discus is a unique source for over 500,000 bibliographic (not full text) references from 1830 to the present day. It covers sport, sports medicine, physical fitness and physical education subjects. The comprehensive international content of the database is drawn from websites, journal articles, books, book chapters, dissertations, conference proceedings, etc. There is also access to Atlantes, a Spanish-language database containing bibliographic information on sport, physical activity, and leisure (1980-1996), and Heracles, a French language sport database with a date range from 1975 to 1997.

ACCESS
Sport Discus is available on or off campus. Ask library staff for username & password details.

- From the Library’s homepage click on Electronic Information Services. Or go directly to http://www.ulst.ac.uk/library/electronic/.
- Choose S from the alphabetical list and click on Sport Discus.
- Enter your Athens username & password.
- Click in box to left of Sport Discus Database & Start Searching button to open database.

SEARCHING

Basic Search
To search for a word or phrase, type the word or phrase into the search box & click on Search. To refine your search –

- Use Limits box to limit by date, country, language etc. Click Change to alter limits.
- Check terms by clicking the Suggest button for other/related subject terms
- Use and, near, not, or when adding further terms - see instructions below.
Advanced searching allows you to
- Search by a particular “field” e.g. author or title – use the drop-down Terms anywhere box to select a field
- Put subject in Terms search box e.g. hamstring and injury in the title field - see search above – will find items containing hamstring and injury in the title.
- Use Change button in Limits box to set/alter limits such as date, country, language etc.

VIEWING RESULTS
The records found will be displayed in the bottom half of the screen.
While viewing records you can:
- Mark records you are interested in by clicking in the box to the left of the record.- click again to unmark.
- Use the Change display button to alter how they are displayed.
- Use the red arrows to jump between records.
- Click on blue Complete record for fuller details
  NB This does not give access to the complete document

SEARCH TIPS
Truncation/Spelling variations
Use an asterisk to truncate eg keying in inju* will pick up injury, injuries, injured etc.
For spelling variations, use a question mark. For example, wom?n will cover woman and women.

Boolean searching
To combine search terms use and, near will pick up two search terms in the same sentence, not will exclude a term from a search, or will widen a search.

Thesaurus
A thesaurus is available to help you select the correct term for this database. Click on thesaurus on the button bar, and key in the term you wish to search for. Then click on Go to terms.

Search History
Displays the search terms you have used.
**Index**
Each index enables you to look up, select, and search for variations of a term.
Click on *Index* on the button bar, choose which index you wish to search eg *Journal name* and put in term.

**Help**
The *Database guide* and *How do I ..?* drop-down box both give guidance on using the database.

**PRINTING, SAVING & EMAILING**

- **Printing**
  Select this icon on the button bar to print records.

- **Saving to disk**
  Select this icon on the button bar to save to disk.

- **Emailing**
  Select this icon on the button bar to e-mail records.
  After selecting the appropriate icon follow the instructions which then appear.

**EXITING**
To exit click on *Logout* – top-right of screen.

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