



2027 NIRSA CONFERENCE & CAMPUS REC EXPO FITNESS FORUM PROPOSALS

Please use these guidelines as you prepare to submit a proposal to present a Fitness Forum session as part of the 2027 NIRSA Conference & Campus Rec Expo.

Below is a basic timeline for the proposal application window this year:

- Proposals are due **September 18, 2026**
- Accept/decline status notifications will be sent in **November 2026**

Before you submit a proposal, note the following presenter requirements:

- Presenting at the NIRSA Conference is a benefit of membership, therefore all speakers are required to hold NIRSA membership. You may submit a proposal if you are not an active member, but if a speaker of an accepted proposal does not hold membership at the time of acceptance, they must obtain a membership status before the date of the event
- All presenters must register for the conference. Registration for 2027 NIRSA Conference & Campus Rec Expo will open in November, check our website for more registration updates

Also, please note that NIRSA does NOT provide equipment for the Fitness Forum workouts. Any equipment needed to participate in the class must be provided by the presenter, at the presenter's expense.

Instructions

Workouts are scheduled for 45 minutes and will take place in the expo hall, during expo hours.

Please be prepared to complete the following Information and consent to the presenter agreement. The following sections of the proposal will be reviewed by the Expo Committee.

Review the [presenter resources in NIRSA Learning](#) for tips on how to develop a strong proposal.

Thank you!

Email events@nirsa.org if you have questions about the proposal form.

Proposal Elements and Response Limitations

Session Title (150-character limit)

Session Description (8,000-character limit)

The session description appears in conference program materials. Please provide a concise, public-facing description of your program and what tangible takeaways an attendee will leave with. This needs to accurately represent the content you will deliver.

Equipment Requirements

NIRSA provides the following for presenters: 40x40 space with carpet, headset, microphone, sound system compatible with 3.5mm lineout connector.

NIRSA does NOT provide any equipment for Fitness Forum presenters. Presenters are required to supply, move in, and move out their own equipment and/or coordinate use of exhibitor equipment in advance.

Session Details

Value Proposition

What makes your class unique among similar fitness formats?

Audience Interest

Tell us why this fitness format would be appealing to NIRSA attendees.

Fitness Forum Presenter Agreement Details

Schedule Presenters understand that they must be willing to present any day of the event during any time slot.

REQUIREMENTS & RESOURCES: Presentations selected must be 45 minutes in length and must focus on physical activity. These sessions are not intended to be a lecture. Presenter must supply and move in/out any necessary equipment during their allotted Fitness Forum time.

NIRSA WILL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING FOR PRESENTERS: 40x40 space with carpet, headset, microphone, sound system compatible with 3.5mm lineout connector.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: For proposals to be considered, lead presenters and co-presenters must hold current NIRSA membership (professional, life professional, emeritus, student, or associate) at the time the program proposal is submitted through the end of the event.

DISCLOSURE OF BUSINESS INTEREST: If you hold a proprietary interest in a product, instrument, device, service, or in any material discussed during your session, you must disclose this in your proposal and, if accepted, to the audience at the beginning of your presentation.

NIRSA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT: Associate member Fitness Forum presenters must be registered for conference or have reserved booth space at the Campus Rec & Wellness Expo.

CONTENT AND PRESENTER EXPECTATIONS: Commitment to Inclusive Excellence
NIRSA expects presenters to help us create a safe-and-harassment-free learning environment. The Association is strongly committed to the principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion for all members, attendees, speakers, exhibitors, staff, and volunteers. NIRSA events are inclusive of diverse social identities including gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, physical appearance, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, religion, and all other represented identities as well as the intersection of these identities. View NIRSA's Statement for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion for more information.

PRESENTATION CONSISTENT WITH PROPOSAL: Presenters are required to present the program that was submitted and accepted.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: All accepted presenters must observe intellectual property rights, and written documents of ownership or permission must be provided upon request. All information, illustrations, images, related materials or visual aids shall be factual and not be misleading. Photos/Video Use: NIRSA will use photos and video taken during this event to promote the Association and future events. By submitting this proposal form, you grant NIRSA the unrestricted right to use any photos and videos taken during your presentation at its discretion for the purposes outlined above.

Supplemental Materials

You will have the opportunity to upload additional materials at the end of your application.