

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT & Call for Abstracts

Sport & Technology: Philosophical Dimensions

Friday, May 29 – Sunday, May 31, 2009

Hosted by:

**Continuing Studies and the Department of Philosophy
Langara College
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada**

Conference Information

The world has witnessed the breaking of world and Olympic records in unheralded numbers in recent years. Advances in training, equipment, doping substances and methods, and potentially even genetic engineering have apparently changed sport from its historical origins. These events invite philosophical discussion and analysis of the ethical dimensions of the use of these new technologies and, also, of their broader implications for the conception of sport itself. Some questions that should be asked include: What role does technology play in sport, and what role ought it to play? What responsibilities do sport governing bodies have over the regulation of technology in their individual sports? Ought cutting-edge technology be available to all competitors, or is the design and utilization of technology a legitimate component of strategy within sport? Is some technology acceptable, and other not? What is the threshold for acceptable technological advantage? What is the moral difference, if any, between the use of technology to aid performance in sport and the use of performance enhancing drugs? The conference aims to open philosophical dialogue on these and other topics related to technology and sport.

We invite participation on any topic that addresses the philosophical dimensions of technology in sport. **Papers on other topics related to philosophy of sport will also be considered and will be accepted if there is room on the conference agenda.**

Articles submitted in full by April 15th will be considered for publication in a special fall 2009 issue of The Journal of Philosophy of Sport.

Please submit abstracts (250 – 400 words) electronically to ALL listed below:

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Information about the Conference (including details regarding registration, accommodation, and keynote speakers) will be posted shortly on the Langara College website:

<http://www.langara.bc.ca>