

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORMATTING YOUR PAPER
INTERNATIONAL SNOW SCIENCE WORKSHOP 2026, WHISTLER, CANADA

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ABSTRACT: These instructions are laid-out in the same format as is requested for ISSW 2026 conference proceedings. The abstract should be less than 300 words. It can be either the same as your initial short abstracts or you can make changes as you wish, for example include new results or insights you have obtained since your initial submission.

KEYWORDS: Select 3-6 keywords.

1. INTRODUCTION

All ISSW presenters - both oral and poster presenters - are required to submit a paper (maximum 8 pages) that describes their presentation topic in more detail for publication in the ISSW 2026 proceedings. At this ISSW, the conference proceedings will only be published electronically.

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Download this template to your computer and save a second copy with a unique name (e.g. Title – Date – ISSW2026). You can then replace the text in the copy with the text of your paper, and reorganize/rename headers, subheaders, and figures as needed.

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3. PAPER DEADLINE

Papers must be received by **August 24, 2026**.

We cannot guarantee that late papers will be included in the conference line-up and the proceedings publication. **Your oral or poster presentation slot is conditional on us receiving your paper by this date.**

4. LANGUAGE

Authors are greatly encouraged to submit their papers in English, since they have a far wider reach.

5. PAGE LIMIT, LAYOUT & TEXT FONT

Papers are limited to **no more than 8 pages**, including references, appendices, etc. and must be formatted on A4 pages (210 mm x 297 mm) with 2.5 cm (about 1 inch) margins on all sides. In word, please use the styles and formatting templates provided within this document ('ISSW - ...'), or 10-point Arial for the text body.

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The title of the paper should have the "ISSW – Title" heading style applied and use the following formatting: centered and typed in CAPITAL LETTERS on the first line of your first page of your paper. Type the name of all the author(s) in initial caps and center on the page two lines below the title. Type the author's affiliation, city, and country on the line below their name in initial caps.

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The International System of Units (SI units) should be used in the ISSW Proceedings.

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Figures and tables should be reduced so that they may be incorporated into the text along with the appropriate pages, with full captions typed in (see Figure 1).

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Company logos and identification numbers are not permitted on your illustrations.



Figure 1: The International Snow Science Workshop (ISSW) 2026 is taking place in Whistler, Canada.

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8. QUESTIONS

For questions about the submission process, please contact sheena@icsevents.com.

For questions about formatting and content, please contact the ISSW 2026 Technical Committee at technical.committee@issw2026.com.

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