



## Peer Review Process

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Most manuscripts submitted to the JSOU Press undergo peer review before being accepted for publication. The JSOU Press retains a list of subject matter experts who assist with this process.

### Process

Manuscripts that have been preliminarily approved by the JSOU Press are sent to at least two subject matter experts, who have one month to complete a thorough review. Papers are provided without the author's name or identifying information to ensure impartiality.

As they review, peer reviewers consider if the manuscript contains information that expands current knowledge of a field, creates new knowledge, or advances the academic interests of JSOU. Proposals or manuscripts that do not contribute novel information or do not relate to the SOF enterprise will not be considered for publication.

Using a standard JSOU Press Peer Review Form, peer reviewers provide feedback and rate the submission according to its appropriateness, relevancy, argumentation, written quality, and strengths and weaknesses. A summary of this feedback is sent to the author, if necessary.

If an author requests follow-up after reviewing feedback, peer reviewers may elect to forfeit their anonymity and speak directly with them. In this case, Press staff will facilitate.

### Recommendations

Along with feedback, peer reviewers provide a publishing recommendation (see below). However, the JSOU Press makes all decisions about whether to move forward with publication.

- **Publish.** Submissions unanimously rated as such move forward without additional work required by the author.
- **Publish after minor modifications.** Peer review feedback is sent to the author, who is asked to address the feedback and edit the manuscript accordingly—or offer an explanation as to why their submission should not be amended. The project will not move to the next step in the process until the author has addressed the requested changes. JSOU Press editors are not responsible for making peer review-suggested changes to content.
- **Resubmit after major revisions.** Submissions with significant editorial suggestions, but which have overall merit and value to the field, may be reworked by the author and resubmitted. If resubmitted, the document will go through the peer review process again.
- **Reject.** Submissions that are rejected will not be eligible for publication.