



2026 Author's Guide

Submission Requirements
for
Papers, Presentations & Panels



2026 Paper/Presentation Submission Requirements

All papers must adhere to the following requirements and use the *AFS Paper Template* at: [2026 Authors Template](#)

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Submission Categories

PRESENTATION & PUBLICATION —your paper must be submitted in the latest version of MS Word.docx only. The file must include a text file with all artwork (tables, figures, and photos) embedded within the text at the point of reference. ✓ All Abstracts Due ✓ Complete Technical Paper Due ✓ Author's/Speaker's Copyright & Publication Copyright Due ✓ Final PowerPoint Due	August 15, 2025 September 15, 2025 September 15, 2025 February 15, 2026
INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATION ONLY —your entire presentation must be submitted in the latest version of PowerPoint. ✓ Presentation Only PowerPoint Due (for review purposes) ✓ Author's/Speaker's Copyright & Publication Copyright Due ✓ Final PowerPoint Due	September 15, 2025 September 15, 2025 February 15, 2026
PANEL PRESENTATION ONLY —your entire presentation must be submitted in the latest version of PowerPoint. ✓ Panel Presentation Abstract Due ✓ Author's/Speaker's Copyright & Publication Copyright Due ✓ Final PowerPoint Due	October 15, 2025 October 15, 2025 February 15, 2026

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REMINDER—papers will be published from your original submission with minimal editing and/or reformatting. If English is not your native language, you will need to have your technical paper edited by a native English speaker prior to submission. A clear and concise submission will ensure a smooth peer review process. Failure to comply with the submission guidelines may prohibit your technical paper from being published.

Basis for Rejection of Papers

Papers will be peer-reviewed for technical and scientific merit and can be rejected for the following reasons:

- Insufficient data and/or experimentation;
- Subject matter does not fall within the field of AFS activities;
- Contents are of a commercial nature, trivial or over expanded;
- Subject matter is of a speculative nature; and/or
- Content is defective in literary form, continuity of thought and clarity of expression.

Papers that do not adhere to the guidelines will not be accepted for publication. The respective AFS Program and Papers Committee reserves the right to reject papers on grounds other than those listed.



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Go to: <https://www.afsinc.org/authorpresenter-guides-templates> for: Technical Paper Style Palette, Paper Template and Sample Paper.

Text

- **Title**—upper- and lower-case font, centered at the top of the first page.
- **Author Information**—author(s) names(s) and affiliation/city, state & country in upper and lower cases. Use the author's first name, middle initial, and last name.
- **Abstract**—75 to 150 words in length.
- **Keywords**—locate after the Abstract, up to 10 words.
- **Text**—single-spaced, double column, with 3/4-inch margins all around. Use Times New Roman 10-pt font for body text except in Title, Headings, and Captions. Use an extra line space between paragraphs; do not indent paragraphs or justify columns. Use tab key to align data; do not use the space bar. Text must flow from top-to-bottom, left-to-right.
- **Do not use headers, footers, page numbers, linked references, or footnotes.**
- **Columns**—left-justified.
- **Graphics**—all artwork, graphs and charts should be embedded in the text after it is cited. Do not wrap text around artwork or tables.
- **References**—list at the end of the paper. Follow the example in the *AFS Paper Template*.
- **Equations**—create equations in *Equation Editor* (found under the Insert/Equation tab) and number the equations consecutively. Left align the equation and right align the equation number.

Images, Charts & Tables

- All artwork must be embedded in the text file after it is cited. Artwork should be of the highest resolution possible; tables and graphs should be legible.
- **Tables**—do not use complex formatting/shading. If the table width spans two columns, follow the example in the *AFS Paper Template*.

Captions

- **Figure Captions**—must be a complete sentence, located below each figure, flush left. The figure should be located after it is cited in the text. Do not use a list of figures at the end of the paper. Follow the example in the *AFS Paper Template*.
- **Table Captions**—must be in phrase format and located above each table, centered. The table should be located after it is cited in the text. Do not use a list of tables at the end of the paper. Follow the example in the *AFS Paper Template*.

NOTE ON ARTWORK

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Measurement Units & Metric System

- **Temperatures**—must be in Fahrenheit (F) & Celsius (C). Fahrenheit units must be followed by Celsius units in parentheses. A degree symbol should be used only when referring to a temperature differential.
- **Mechanical Properties**—should be reported in MPa. (1 MPa = 0.1450377 Ksi)
- **Metric & English Units**—are both used in the text. Metric should be converted to English and vice versa.
- **Inches and feet**—use abbreviations (in., ft.), not symbols.

References-New AFS Style

All information from other literature must be cited as a reference within the text as a number in square brackets. [X] References are listed numerically at the end of the paper in the **REFERENCE** section. If available, please include DOIs as full DOI links in your reference list (i.e., <https://doi.org/abc>).

Example Reference—journal article or paper presentation

1. R.B. Gundlach, Heat Treatments to Develop High Strength Ferritic Ductile Iron. AFS Trans. 127, 231-242 (2019).
2. S. Honeyman, What Do the Numbers Mean? Modern Casting MC Vol. 104 (12) 26-29 (Dec 2014).
3. Ramrattan, S., Wells, L., Patel, P. et al., Qualification of Chemically Bonded Sand Systems Using a Casting Trial for Quantifying Interfacial Defects. Inter Metalcast 12, 214–223 (2018). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40962-017-0166-3> Accessed 27 May 2025.

Example Reference—book

4. T.J. Schorn, Process Control for Engineers, American Foundry Society (2023)

Commercialism

Papers and/or presentations containing commercialism will not be accepted for publication or presentation. Papers will be reviewed for commercialism as part of the peer review and editing process as follows:

- More than one reference to company or trade names will not be permitted.
- Unsubstantiated, subjective evaluations or claims will not be permitted.
- Direct comparisons with other products or companies will not be permitted.
- The selling price or cost of a product or service will not be permitted.
- Logos in artwork other than equipment photographs with nameplates will not be permitted.

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