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| **Criterion** | **Exceptional (3)** | **Good (2)** | **Average (1)** | **Needs improvement (0)** |
| **Introduction and rationale** | Description is clear, concise, and easy to understand. The proposed project contains original, innovative, or creative aspect(s). | Description depicts the project well, but uses some jargon or is otherwise hard to understand. Project contains original, innovative, or creative aspect(s). | Description does not fully explain project concisely, or it does not give a specific picture of the proposed activities. | Description is hard to understand, verbose, or utilizes a lot of field-specific jargon and is unclear. |
| **Purpose and specific aims of the project** | The proposal reflects a full understanding of current research in the field. | The proposal may not include significant support from other research. | The project description also lacks a clear evaluation of current research. | No outside research or support is given. |
| **Significance of Project** | It is clear how the proposed activities fit into athletic training practice and/or education. The impact on athletic training is significant. | It is clear how the proposed activities fit into athletic training practice and/or education. The impact on athletic training is modest. | A link is made to athletic training but it is unclear on the impact to the practice and/or education in athletic training | The link and impact on athletic training practice or education are unclear. |
| **Research plan and methodology** | Proposed methodology is sound and complete. | Proposed methodology may contain some slight flaws or questions. | Proposed methodology has at least one major flaw. | Proposed methodology is not workable for this project. |
| **Facility and resources used** | All of the facility and resources have been secured and the project is ready to begin. | Most of the facility and resources have been secured and are waiting on additional funding. | The facility and resources are described but have not been fully identified or secured. | The facility and resources were not identified or the needs of the project are unclear. |
| **Dissemination and implementation** | Goals of the project include peer reviewed publication and presentation at the state meeting. | Goals of the project include presenting at the state meeting. | Goals of the project are limited to presenting at the state meeting. | Goals do not include presentation at the state meeting. |
| **Timeline of work** | Timeline is suitable for and meets all the activities described. | Timeline meets most of the activities proposed. | Timeline appears to meet less than half of the activities proposed. | Timeline is not suitable for the activities described. |
| **Budget justification** | Budget meets guidelines and is essential to activities described. | Budget meets guidelines and supports most of the activities proposed. | Budget meets guidelines and will add to the project but isn’t essential. | Budget does not meet guidelines and/or is unconnected to research. |
| **Human Subjects are utilized IRB approval** |  | Demographics and IRB approval. |  | No IRB approval. |

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