SMPTE Toronto Boot Camp Conference 2026 – Call for Papers

The SMPTE Toronto Section announces the return of its biennial **Toronto Boot Camp Conference**, taking place **May 21, 2026**.

The 2026 conference focuses on **sports live production and the evolving fan experience** - a rapidly transforming sector driving broadcast and streaming innovation. From capture and transmission to AI, data analytics, immersive technologies, and new business models, sports media continues to redefine how content is produced and consumed.

We invite industry professionals, technologists, researchers, and innovators to submit proposals.

Game Changers: The Future of Sports Live Production and Fan Experience

Topics of Interest Include:

- **Infrastructure:** Arenas, LED systems, trucks
- **Capture:** High-speed video, immersive audio, analytics tools, robotics/drones
- **IoT for Sports:** RFID, wearables, tracking systems
- **Production:** Remote production, AI & replays, compression, Cloud Workflows
- **Transmission:** Remote workflows, transport solutions
- **Artificial Intelligence:** AR/VR, AI-driven production
- **Business of Sports:** New business models, Betting, data analytics, in-game advertising
- **E-Sports:** Emerging and non-traditional sports
- **Associations:** NHL, NFL, FIFA, etc.
- **Social Engagement:** In sports production
- **Sustainability in Sports Media Production**

Submission Guidelines:

Abstracts (maximum **250 words**) must include the presentation title; summary and relevance; presenter's name, title, company; and contact information.

Presentations are **30 minutes including Q&A and in-person only.**

Key Dates:

Abstract deadline: **March 20, 2026**

Acceptance notification: **April 02, 2026**

Final presentations due: **May 08, 2026**

Submit abstracts to: smptepapers@gmail.com

Presenters are invited to attend the full conference **at no cost**. Multiple submissions are welcome, and innovative, forward-looking topics are encouraged.