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POLICY STATEMENT

Your Rights as an Author at Koozakar

An author-facing statement on fairness, mentorship-driven publishing, and editorial care

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Abstract. Koozakar is committed to mentorship-driven publishing that combines scholarly standards with fairness, transparency, and meaningful developmental support. This statement sets out the core rights that authors and prospective authors may reasonably expect when engaging with Koozakar journals, editorial teams, and publishing pathways. It affirms respectful treatment, ethical peer review, clear communication, editorial accountability, transparency on fees and requirements, and a commitment to helping credible scholarship reach its strongest form.

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1. Introduction

Scholarly publishing should protect standards without abandoning humanity. Authors deserve rigorous editorial assessment, but they also deserve a process marked by dignity, clarity, consistency, and professional respect. At Koozakar, publishing is approached not merely as a gatekeeping exercise, but as a developmental scholarly process through which manuscripts, authors, and knowledge communities can be strengthened.

This statement is intended for current authors, prospective authors, editors, reviewers, and institutional partners who wish to understand the principles that guide Koozakar's author-facing culture. It reflects the organization's belief that high-quality publishing and constructive support are not opposing values. Rather, they work best together.

2. Core rights of authors and prospective authors

1. to be treated with dignity, respect, and fairness throughout submission, review, revision, and publication;
2. to receive clear and timely communication regarding manuscript status, editorial decisions, revision requests, and next steps;
3. to submit work without discrimination on the basis of nationality, race, gender, institution, region, religion, career stage, or funding status;
4. to expect a mentorship-driven publishing experience in which constructive guidance is valued alongside scholarly rigor;
5. to receive professional and respectful peer review free from insulting, abusive, dismissive, or needlessly hostile commentary;
6. to know the journal's scope, standards, and basic expectations before and during submission;
7. to be informed transparently of publication fees, waivers, discounts, and applicable support arrangements where relevant;
8. to have manuscripts handled confidentially and with appropriate editorial and review safeguards;
9. to expect editorial decisions grounded in scholarly merit, relevance, research integrity, and journal fit;
10. to receive reviewer feedback that is meaningful, actionable, and genuinely useful when revision is invited;
11. to be given a fair opportunity to revise and respond where the editorial process permits;



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12. to know that reviewer comments do not replace editorial responsibility and judgment;
13. to expect protection from unethical practices, including conflicts of interest, plagiarism, bias, idea misuse, or misuse of confidential material;
14. to be informed when additional materials are required, including ethical approvals, declarations, authorship confirmations, or supporting statements;
15. to receive accurate recognition for intellectual contribution through proper authorship listing and attribution;
16. to be informed clearly about post-acceptance steps, including copyediting, formatting, proofreading, licensing, and publication readiness checks;
17. to know that accepted papers may still undergo responsible editorial refinement before final publication;
18. to request clarification where needed regarding editorial comments, formatting requests, or publication requirements;
19. to raise a respectful appeal or query where there is reasonable concern about fairness, process, or interpretation;
20. to benefit from an author-support culture that recognizes the potential of emerging scholars, underrepresented voices, and researchers working in underfunded contexts;
21. to publish within a culture that regards scholarship as developable and not merely disposable;
22. to expect attention to visibility, discoverability, and the long-term scholarly record of published work;
23. to be considered, where appropriate, for wider scholarly opportunities linked to Koozakar activities, including special issues, workshops, conferences, and collaborative initiatives;
24. to receive communication that remains professional and humane whether the manuscript is accepted, revised, or declined;
25. and to know that Koozakar exists not only for publication, but also for legacy, impact, and the advancement of knowledge through mentorship-driven publishing.

3. What mentorship-driven publishing means at Koozakar

Mentorship-driven publishing does not mean lowering standards. It means that editorial and review processes should help authors understand how to improve a manuscript, why particular weaknesses matter, and what can be done to strengthen scholarly contribution, structure, interpretation, and presentation.

This approach is especially important for early-career academics, interdisciplinary researchers, and authors from contexts where research support systems may be uneven. Koozakar therefore seeks to pair rigor with developmental value: strong screening, serious review, responsible editing, and guidance that can help credible work move toward publication quality.

For that reason, Koozakar regards post-acceptance work as part of editorial stewardship. Formatting, language polishing, fine-tuning, clarification, metadata preparation, and proof review remain important even after a positive decision has been made. Editorial work should refine scholarship, not merely label it.

Editorial principle. Koozakar seeks to uphold quality with rigor while extending fairness, mentorship, and meaningful academic support to authors.

4. Closing statement



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Koozakar was built on the conviction that scholarship should be remembered, strengthened, and given a fair chance to travel farther. Authors are therefore not treated merely as applicants to a process, but as scholarly contributors whose work deserves responsible handling and whose growth deserves respect.

These rights should be read together with Koozakar's journal-specific instructions, editorial policies, ethics requirements, and publication guidance. They serve as a public-facing expression of the culture Koozakar seeks to build: one rooted in integrity, true service to humanity, and mentorship-driven publishing.

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