ANTS 2026 – Camera-Ready Author Checklist

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1. Template and formatting

☐ I prepared my paper using the **[LNCS Springer LaTeX template](#)**.
☐ I did **not modify** `llncs.cls` or `splncs04.bst` .
☐ I did **not override** template defaults (margins, spacing, font sizes).
☐ I did **not use** formatting hacks (e.g. `\vspace{}` , custom fonts, `subcaption`).

2. Page limits

☐ My paper respects the correct page limit:

- ☐ Full paper: **≤ 11 pages + references**
- ☐ Short paper: **≤ 7 pages + references**
- ☐ Extended abstract: **≤ 2 pages (including references)**

☐ Figures, tables, and acknowledgements are included **within** the page limit.
☐ I did **not** modify formatting to artificially reduce page count.

3. LNCS formatting details

Running header

☐ I enabled running headers using
`\documentclass[runningheads]{llncs}`
☐ `\authorrunning{}` follows LNCS rules (first author always included).
☐ `\titlerunning{}` is provided if the title is long.

Title and headings

☐ Title and headings use **Title Case** capitalization (i.e., all words should be capitalized, except for articles, prepositions, and conjunctions).
☐ I did **not** use `\newline` in the title.
☐ Headings are left-aligned.

Authors and affiliations

☐ Full first names are used (no initials only).
☐ No academic titles are included (e.g. Prof., Dr.).
☐ Affiliations include department, institution, city, country, and email.
☐ The corresponding author's email is included.
☐ `\index{}` entries are provided for all authors. For example:

```
\index{SurnameAuthor1, FirstnameAuthor1}
\index{SurnameAuthor2, FirstnameAuthor2}
\index{SurnameAuthor3, FirstnameAuthor3}
```

☐ ORCIDs are included if desired (optional).

Extended abstracts (if applicable)

☐ No abstract is included.
☐ No section headings appear in the main body.
☐ Only **References** and **Acknowledgements** headings are used (if applicable).

4. Figures

☐ Figures are provided in **vector format** (`.pdf` , `.eps`) where possible.
☐ Raster figures meet resolution requirements:

- ☐ ≥ 800 dpi (linework)
- ☐ ≥ 300 dpi (other figures)

☐ All figures remain legible when printed in **grayscale**.

5. References and bibliography

☐ The following lines are present and uncommented in my manuscript:

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\bibliographystyle{splncs04}
\bibliography{mybibliography}
```

☐ I did **not** change the bibliography configuration.
☐ I created a `.bib` file and populated it with all references.

☐ My `.bib` file is named `mybibliography.bib` , **or** I updated the filename used in the `\bibliography{...}` command accordingly.
☐ I generated the `.bbl` file and included it in the submission archive.

6. Supplementary video (only if accepted via decision email)

- ☐ My paper was explicitly notified (in the decision email) as having an **accepted supplementary video**.
- ☐I included the video in the submission archive and it meets all requirements:
    - ☐ MP4 format only
    - ☐ Max duration: **180 seconds**
    - ☐ Max file size: **50 MB**
    - ☐ Format: **16:9**
- ☐ I understand **no late videos are allowed**: a video not submitted with the initial paper submission will **not** be accepted later.
- ☐ The video does not violate privacy/confidentiality and I obtained permission for any third-party content.

(If you did **not** have an accepted video:

- ☐ I did **not** include any video.)

7. Files to submit

☐ I prepared **one compressed archive** (`.zip` or `.tgz`) containing:

- ☐ Compiled PDF (`.pdf`)
- ☐ Main LaTeX file (`.tex`)
- ☐ Bibliography files (`.bib` and `.bbl`)
- ☐ All figures (in original formats)
- ☐ Completed Camera-Ready Author Checklist (`.pdf`)
- ☐ Supplementary video (`.mp4`) **only if accepted**

☐ The archive contains **only files required for compilation** (no unused/old figures, backups, or previous manuscript versions).

☐ The archive's size does not exceed 100MB.

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☐ The paper compiles **without errors**.

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8. Submission and registration

☐ I uploaded the archive via **EasyChair → Add or update files**.
☐ At least one author is **registered** for the conference.
☐ At least one author will **attend and present** the paper.

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9. Copyright

☐ The Springer **Consent-to-Publish form** is completed and signed.
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☐ I understand that papers that do not compile, violate formatting rules, or are incomplete **cannot be included** in the ANTS 2026 proceedings.