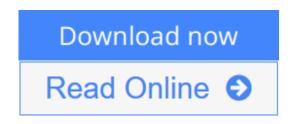


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Beyond simply treating injuries and illnesses, *Sport First Aid* seeks to prevent them from occurring in the first place. Included are strategies for reducing athletes' risk of injury or illness, such as establishing a school-based medical team, implementing preseason conditioning programs, creating safe playing environments, planning for weather emergencies, ensuring proper fit and use of protective equipment, enforcing sport skills and safety rules, and developing a medical emergency plan. Sample forms, checklists, and plans take the work out of developing these documents from scratch.

With *Sport First Aid*, you and your coaching staff will be prepared to make critical decisions and respond appropriately when faced with athletes' injuries and illnesses.

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