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Preface

Sport-related lawsuits continue to escalate in the 21st Century. Pressure in the multi-billion dollar sport industry has increased against all who are involved in the operation of sport. Risk management, long a part of business and the insurance industry, has become a valuable addition to law and sport in the sport industry. It has become obvious that risk management will have an important role to play in combating the flood of lawsuits that confront the sport industry in record numbers. It seems that any adverse decision against an athlete or sport organization today results in a lawsuit or the threat of a lawsuit. Risk management attempts to curb this trend by providing policies, procedures, safety audits, risk reviews and emergency action plans. If past history is an accurate indicator of events, the sport industry will continue to experience escalating litigation and huge awards in the 21st Century.

Risk Management in Sport, Issues and Strategies, 2nd Edition, is a unique addition to the sport industry. Forty-three chapters, written by professionals who resemble a Who's Who of Sport Law and Risk Management, share their experience and expertise to identify current problems in the sport industry. The purpose of the book is to enable readers to develop risk management strategies that will assist them in setting guidelines, policies, plans and procedures thereby making the sport industry safer in the 21st Century.

Risk Management in Sport: Issues and Strategies, 2nd Edition, features six parts with chapters that deal with tort liability, in sport-related activities, medical issues, event and facility management, risk management concerns and current trends in risk management for the sport industry. It also includes the background of risk management, a glossary of legal terms and a description of the legal system.

Risk Management in Sport: Issues and Strategies, 2nd Edition, gives the reader the opportunity to evaluate the material and opinions of the authors that have not been altered by the editor. It enables the reader to select chapters of interest since each chapter is written to stand alone. For those who choose to read it as a single work rather than a series of topical chapters, they will find there is some material common to other authors. This overlap is inevitable and serves as a positive reinforcement of what the authors independently found to be common ground in emphasis and risk management strategies. A factor in the text is that the authors write on timely issues that are important to so many participants in the sport industry.

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