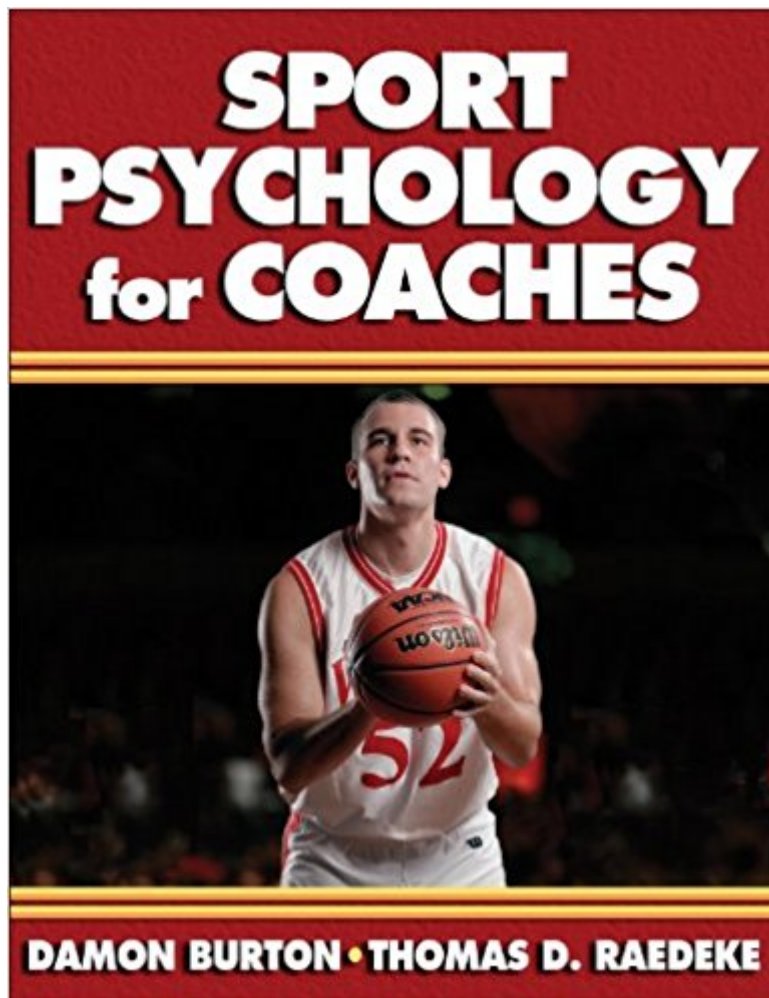




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Sport Psychology For Coaches



Synopsis

We marvel at the steely nerves, acute concentration, and flawless execution exhibited on the 18th green, at the free-throw line, in the starting blocks, and on the balance beam. While state-of-the-art training regimens have extended athletes' physical boundaries, more and more coaches are realizing the importance of sport psychology in taking athletic performance to new levels. Tomorrow's record-breaking accomplishments will not be the result of athletes' training harder physically, but of athletes' training smarter mentally. *Sport Psychology for Coaches* provides information that coaches need to help athletes build mental toughness and achieve excellence in sport and in life. As a coach, you'll gain a big-picture perspective on the mental side of sport by examining how athletes act, think, and feel when they practice and compete. You'll learn to use such mental tools as goal setting, imagery, relaxation, energization, and self-talk to help your athletes build mental training programs. You'll also see how assisting your athletes in developing mental skills such as motivation, energy management, focus, stress management, and self-confidence leads to increased enjoyment, improved life skills, and enhanced performance. And you'll discover how to put it all together into mental plans and mental skills training programs that allow your athletes to attain and maintain a mind-set that fosters peak performance. The easy-to-follow format of the text includes learning objectives that introduce each chapter, sidebars illustrating sport-specific applications of key concepts and principles, chapter summaries organized by content and sequence, key terms, chapter review questions, a comprehensive glossary, and other useful resources to help readers implement mental training programs for athletes. Written primarily for high school coaches, *Sport Psychology for Coaches* is a practical, easy-to-use resource reflecting the two authors' combined 45 years of teaching, coaching, researching, and consulting experience. It reflects principles that are not only consistent with the latest theory and research, but have stood the test of time and worked for coaches and athletes in all sports at all levels. You'll come away from *Sport Psychology for Coaches* with a greater understanding and appreciation for sport psychology and the practical knowledge you need to put it to work for you and your athletes. *Sport Psychology for Coaches* serves as the text for the American Sport Education Program Silver Level course, *Sport Psychology for Coaches*.

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Customer Reviews

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Excellent

This book is the defining text for sport psychologists, coaches, and students of life achievement and satisfaction. A must read cover-to-cover and a "keeper" as a reference guide, too!

Great book. I did not purchase it for sports mental training in particular. I feel the concepts can be applied to sports, business and life in general. Great exercises that you can do yourself for personal improvement; or you can use with your kids, a sports team, employees, etc. Most adults probably have heard some of the concepts before. However, a few were new to me. The author does an excellent job of explaining the logic behind each concept and how to apply it. This book does more than say "think positive", "focus on the process" or "stay in the present moment." Easier said than done. It explains what those and other concepts really mean. More importantly, how you can learn to do it consistently. The book doesn't give off the impression that you or your team's performance will improve overnight. It takes a lot of daily practice for weeks, months and for some, years. I think this book would be best for an athlete, coach or individuals who has no knowledge to moderate knowledge of mental training techniques. Individuals with extensive knowledge might find it useful to read another expert's application of established concepts. I am in the little to moderate category. Outside of sports, I think men in particular; and women who work in competitive environments or just enjoy competition will find this book more helpful than some of the "motivational" books in bookstores that tend to be more inspirational than practical.

I'm not a sports coach, so I won't review the rest of the book. However, I was searching for techniques in developing positive Self-Talk Scripts, and this book's Chapter 7 Self-Talk is the very best I have seen anywhere on developing specific, directed, self-talk scripts. I ordered this book specifically for this chapter alone. Although emphasizing sport, the worksheets and purposes can be used in developing self-talk for any situation in one's life. Also, this book includes an excellent overview and summary of the current understanding and application of Self-Talk. Highly recommended for fans of Self-Talk, along with the seminal 'The Self-Talk Solution' by Dr. Shad Helmstetter.

Thanks.

Bought this book for a class and how found it very useful. There is a lot to take away from this book if you're a coach or fitness professional.

I bought this book because other books I have read would reference information in it. I have not completely read it, but I find it very informative so far.

Awesome information.

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