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PREFACE

Dear Readers,

In today's modern life, the importance given to human health is increasing day by day. Humanity is facing a rapidly increasing risk of chronic diseases. Health problems that persist for more than one year, require medical or surgical treatment and negatively affect daily life are called chronic diseases. Chronic diseases can develop due to multiple factors and can be kept under control with the right treatment. In some chronic diseases, the negative effects are felt immediately. Some chronic diseases can lead to a decrease in the quality of life, reduce the ability to work, and require limiting or changing some of the daily activities. Psychological symptoms such as loss of self-confidence, depression, anger and helplessness may be observed in people with chronic illnesses due to reduced quality of life, restriction of daily activities or difficulty in accepting the disease. The world of medicine works together with many different disciplines to prevent or recover from diseases. Especially in the last 50 years, people are turning more towards sports activities, exercise and physical activities to protect themselves from the risk of chronic diseases brought about by modern living conditions. In recent years, governmental organizations, private companies and charitable organizations have also supported corporate social responsibility projects to promote sports and sports branches that can be done in different seasons. With these supports, the prevalence of sports in the society is increasing. However, people interest in sports activities, whether they are at recreational, amateur or professional level, also carries some orthopedic injury risks. Orthopedists and sports scientists have been working in a mutually supportive structure for many years on the correct approach to sports injuries. In this book, we aim to offer readers a different perspective with chapters that address sports sciences and orthopedic health of athletes together. In this respect, I hope that this book will be useful for the stakeholders of the subject.

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Chapter 1

CLASSIFICATION, TREATMENT, AND REHABILITATION OF LOWER EXTREMITY FRACTURES IN FOOTBALL PLAYERS

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INTRODUCTION

Football is a sport followed by billions of people, and millions of individuals worldwide actively play it. Requiring physical attributes such as speed, agility, strength, and endurance, as well as tactical intelligence and technical skills, football places significant physical demands on players. During matches, sudden changes in direction, acceleration, deceleration, jumping, and landing movements subject the lower extremities to repeated microtrauma and acute injuries (1). In this context, lower extremity injuries are among the most common types of injuries in football players, with fractures occupying a particularly significant place among these (2).

Lower extremity fractures are serious orthopedic issues that can lead to career-ending injuries in football players. These fractures often result from high-energy trauma, landing on uneven surfaces, or physical contact between players. Tibia and fibula fractures, in particular, may occur during high-impact collisions or as a result of overuse (3). Additionally, specific injuries frequently seen in football players, such as fifth metatarsal fractures, are associated with sport-specific mechanisms and hold particular significance in terms of recovery. For instance, fifth metatarsal fractures, commonly referred to as “Jones fractures,” pose challenges due to poor vascular supply, leading to difficulties in healing and an increased risk of nonunion (4,5).

The management of lower extremity fractures in football players extends beyond merely achieving anatomical correction of the fracture. A primary goal of treatment is ensuring the athlete’s safe and efficient return to their previous performance level as quickly as possible. Accordingly, surgical treatment methods

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comprehensive approach encompasses surgical treatment, rehabilitation, long-term follow-up, and psychological support. A multidisciplinary strategy that considers the athlete's individual needs and the demands of the sport is the most effective method for achieving both short-term recovery and long-term success.

Future research should focus on developing new treatment methods and technologies to improve the management of lower extremity fractures in football players. Regenerative medicine applications, the use of biological agents, and advanced motion analysis systems have the potential to revolutionize treatment approaches in this field. Additionally, expanding the implementation of injury prevention programs will contribute to safer and more sustainable career trajectories for football players.

Enhancing interdisciplinary collaboration and individualizing treatment protocols in the management of lower extremity fractures will not only safeguard the health and performance of athletes but also advance the field of sports medicine. Coordination among surgeons, physiotherapists, sports physicians, strength and conditioning coaches, and psychologists is vital. A well-planned and effectively executed treatment process ensures that football players not only recover fully but also continue to achieve success on the field.

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Chapter 2

EFFECT OF AQUATIC EXERCISE ON RECOVERY FROM SPORTS INJURIES

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1.BENEFITS OF AQUATIC THERAPY

Aquatic therapy, also known as hydrotherapy, involves performing therapeutic exercises in water. This modality leverages the unique properties of water—such as buoyancy, viscosity, and hydrostatic pressure—to facilitate rehabilitation and enhance physical function. One of the primary advantages of aquatic therapy is its capacity to alleviate pain. The buoyancy of water reduces gravitational forces on the body, decreasing joint stress and allowing for pain-free movement. Warm water further aids in relaxing muscles and reducing spasms. For instance, a systematic review and meta-analysis by Baena-Beato et al. (2014) demonstrated that aquatic therapy significantly reduced pain intensity in patients with chronic low back pain. Aquatic therapy has been shown to improve mobility and balance, particularly in older adults. The viscosity of water provides resistance that enhances muscle strength, while buoyancy supports movement, reducing the risk of falls. A systematic review by Shariat et al. (2022) found that aquatic therapy positively impacted dynamic balance in older adults, suggesting its efficacy in fall prevention programs. Engaging in aquatic therapy can lead to significant improvements in quality of life. The supportive environment of water enables individuals to perform exercises that might be challenging on land, fostering a sense of achievement and well-being. A study by Cuesta-Vargas et al. (2011) reported that participants undergoing aquatic therapy experienced enhanced physical function and overall life satisfaction.

Aquatic therapy has been effective in reducing disability associated with various conditions. The combination of reduced pain, improved strength, and enhanced mobility contributes to greater functional independence. Dundar et al. (2009) conducted a randomized controlled trial indicating that aquatic

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those recovering from surgeries. The ability to perform weight-bearing exercises without exacerbating pain or swelling accelerates recovery, allowing athletes to return to their sport faster. Aquatic therapy is also effective in preventing long-term overuse injuries, as it allows athletes to train intensively without placing additional strain on the body. This is especially beneficial for endurance athletes who may experience repetitive stress injuries from land-based training.

Aquatic exercise offers a variety of benefits for athletes aiming to enhance their sport performance. From improving muscular strength and cardiovascular endurance to increasing flexibility and preventing injuries, aquatic exercise is a valuable training modality. By utilizing the properties of water, athletes can engage in high-intensity workouts that minimize the risk of injury and promote recovery. As research continues to support the effectiveness of aquatic exercise in sport performance, more athletes are incorporating water-based training into their routines for its unique advantages.

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Chapter 3

INJURIES IN COMBAT SPORTS: CHALLENGES, STRATEGIES, AND EMERGING SOLUTIONS

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INTRODUCTION

Combat sports, a category of athletics that includes boxing, wrestling, mixed martial arts (MMA), judo, taekwondo, and similar disciplines, hold a unique place in the global sports landscape. These sports, deeply rooted in cultural traditions and modern competitive arenas, test the limits of human strength, agility, endurance, and strategy. They attract millions of participants and spectators worldwide, contributing to their undeniable popularity and significance ^{1,2}.

The appeal of combat sports lies in their raw physicality and strategic complexity, but these very attributes also bring inherent risks. Unlike non-contact sports, combat sports involve deliberate physical confrontation, often leading to high-impact collisions and repetitive stress on the body. The result is a wide spectrum of injuries, ranging from superficial bruises and lacerations to severe conditions like traumatic brain injuries (TBIs), spinal cord damage, and long-term musculoskeletal disorders ³.

The prevalence and severity of injuries in combat sports make them a critical area of study for both healthcare professionals and sports scientists. For orthopedists, these injuries pose unique challenges in diagnosis, treatment, and long-term management. For sports scientists and coaches, understanding the mechanisms behind these injuries is essential to developing effective prevention strategies and optimizing athlete performance while minimizing risk ^{4,5}.

Injury risk in combat sports is influenced by various factors, including the sport's specific rules and techniques, the athlete's skill level and conditioning, and external elements such as protective equipment and training environments. For instance, a boxer is more likely to sustain hand fractures and concussions,

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Advancements in sports medicine, including wearable technology, biomechanical analysis, and personalized approaches, offer promising avenues for reducing injury risks and optimizing athlete care. These innovations, combined with improved diagnostic and rehabilitation techniques, have the potential to revolutionize the way injuries are managed in combat sports. However, the integration of these advancements into practice requires collaboration among medical professionals, sports scientists, coaches, and governing bodies.

The ethical responsibility to protect athletes while preserving the competitive essence of combat sports underscores the importance of ongoing research and education. By fostering a culture of safety and evidence-based practices, the combat sports community can ensure that athletes continue to perform at their best while minimizing long-term health risks.

In conclusion, injuries in combat sports represent a complex interplay of physical, technical, and environmental factors. Addressing these challenges requires a multidisciplinary approach that combines cutting-edge technology, rigorous research, and a commitment to athlete well-being. With continued efforts and innovation, the future of combat sports can be one of greater safety and sustainability, allowing athletes to compete and excel while safeguarding their health.

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Chapter 4

WINTER SPORTS IN TURKEY OVERVIEW OF THE OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES

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INTRODUCTION

The term winter sports encompasses individual or team sports activities performed on snow or ice. The origins of these sports have been shaped as part of a historical process extending from ancient times to the present day, and over time they have evolved not only as a means of transportation but also as a competitive sports branch (Ülker, 2006).

The origin of winter sports dates back to the search for solutions to meet the transportation needs of people in cold climates in areas covered with snow or ice. It is thought that the first communities to use skis in these sports were the Sami and Scandinavians (Lund, 1996). Among the archaeological findings supporting this theory, rock paintings found in the Arctic regions stand out. These paintings provide striking examples depicting two skiers hunting deer (Hudson, 2003, p. 89). It was in Norway in the 19th century that winter sports gained a modern structure and acquired a sporting identity. Norwegian Sondre Nordheim developed a special binding system in this period, which gave skiers more control and mobility. Nordheim's innovative techniques brought skiing to the forefront as both a recreational and competitive sport and made significant contributions to the popularization of this sport (Lund, 1996).

The maturation of skiing in Norway and its acquisition of a national identity were part of the Norwegians' support for their independence movement against Sweden. In this context, winter sports spread to Europe and North America

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Chapter 5

WATER SPORTS INJURIES: PREVENTION, REHABILITATION, AND RETURN TO PLAY

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INTRODUCTION

Water sports are a diverse category of physical activities performed in, on, or near water, encompassing disciplines such as swimming, diving, surfing, water skiing, kayaking, and personal watercraft use. These activities offer numerous physical and psychological benefits, including improved cardiovascular fitness, enhanced muscular strength, and stress relief. However, the dynamic environments and physical demands associated with water sports also pose unique risks for injuries, ranging from minor cuts and bruises to severe and life-threatening conditions. Understanding the factors contributing to these injuries and identifying strategies to mitigate their occurrence is critical for athletes, coaches, and healthcare professionals ¹.

Injuries in water sports vary widely depending on the type of activity, the skill level of participants, and environmental conditions. For example, competitive swimmers are particularly prone to overuse injuries, with “swimmer’s shoulder” being one of the most frequently reported conditions. This injury typically arises from repetitive motion and improper technique, leading to inflammation and pain in the shoulder joint ². Similarly, diving activities can result in acute injuries such as wrist and shoulder trauma or even spinal injuries when performed in shallow waters or under inadequate supervision. These incidents underscore the importance of proper training and adherence to safety protocols in preventing avoidable injuries ³.

Surfing, another popular water sport, often results in lacerations, contusions, and fractures, frequently caused by collisions with the surfboard, the seabed, or other surfers ⁴. Environmental factors such as wave height, water temperature, and the presence of marine life further contribute to the risk of injury. Meanwhile,

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as proper technique, equipment use, and environmental awareness—have been shown to mitigate risks and improve safety outcomes.

Rehabilitation plays a vital role in the recovery process, focusing not only on physical healing but also on functional and psychological readiness for return to sport. Advances in physical therapy, hydrotherapy, and mental health support have made significant contributions to the recovery and reintegration of injured athletes.

Despite these advancements, there remains a need for further research in several areas. Epidemiological studies can provide more granular insights into injury patterns across different demographics, skill levels, and water sports disciplines. Investigating the effectiveness of specific preventive measures and rehabilitation techniques through randomized controlled trials will enhance evidence-based practice. Additionally, the role of technology, such as wearable devices for monitoring biomechanical loads and real-time environmental conditions, warrants exploration for its potential to revolutionize injury prevention.

Future directions should also include education and outreach initiatives targeting athletes, coaches, and recreational participants. These programs can promote a culture of safety, emphasizing the importance of preparation, proper technique, and adherence to safety protocols. Collaborations among sports scientists, orthopedists, physiotherapists, and sports governing bodies will be essential for developing and implementing comprehensive injury prevention frameworks.

In conclusion, while injuries in water sports remain a significant concern, ongoing research, education, and technological innovations hold promise for improving safety and enhancing the overall experience for athletes and enthusiasts. By addressing existing gaps in knowledge and practice, the field can continue to evolve, ensuring that the benefits of water sports far outweigh the associated risks.

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Chapter 6

SPORTS POLICIES OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR BANKS IN TURKEY: A REVIEW IN THE CONTEXT OF SPONSORSHIP AND CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR) PROJECTS

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INTRODUCTION

All public and private banks are part of the society in which they operate. For this reason, they cannot remain indifferent to the problems that arise in social life. The best way to address these problems is through corporate social responsibility activities. It can be argued that these activities should be carried out in cooperation in order to be more comprehensive, long-term and beneficial. Businesses can achieve more success by engaging in corporate social responsibility activities with their stakeholders with whom they cooperate in order to be beneficial to society as well as the economic goals they set (Fidan & Şentürk, 2017). Corporate social responsibility (CSR) practices, which are the name of the investments made by businesses in the whole society, environment and future generations, especially their stakeholders, are also a solid investment tool for the future of businesses themselves. In fact, 82% of the companies participating in a study conducted in 2004 stated that CSR supports their financial situation and should be among the priorities of businesses (Ming-Dong 2008: 4). CSR can also be defined as the concept of meeting the needs of social stakeholders, which positively affects the social and physical environment as well as business owners in terms of return on capital (Marsden, Andriof 1998). CSR has become increasingly important for

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and support services in individual branches such as basketball, tennis, chess and marathon, and depending on the specific decisions of the bank's senior management. We believe that it would be more beneficial for all stakeholders to develop more systematic and planned policies for these sponsorship and support services, under the chairmanship of the Banks Association, in which all banks provide common benefits and denominators, serving the interests of banks on the one hand and the needs of the society on the other, and maximizing sports-oriented customer satisfaction.

As a result, we believe that these policies can contribute to the development of comprehensive strategies that are not limited to sponsorship, but also aim to spread sports to the grassroots, discover and develop young talents, promote sports culture and improve public health. In this framework, we think that banks can be an effective support element for the standard public power related to sports in order to support sports at all levels throughout the country and to create a sustainable sports ecosystem by utilizing their financial power for customer promotion purposes within optimal marketing plans.

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Chapter 7

SPORTS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

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WHAT IS SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE?

In the recent decades, there has been a significant rise regarding the acknowledgement of physical activity and sport as potent instruments for accomplishing developmental objectives and nurturing peace-building initiatives. This phenomenon is called sports for development and peace. It was determined that this concept represented the optimal approach for accomplishing specific developmental and peace objectives, which are intimately associated with the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the Sustainable Development Goals, which were introduced in 2015. (SDGs) (Bardocz-Bencsik & Doczi, 2019).

In today's world, the idea of utilizing sport to help develop and promote peace became a popular way to improve the lives of poor countries across the globe. A considerable number of organizations, experts, students, and researchers are actively involved in this domain, supporting a diverse array of programs and initiatives. The integration of sports and physical activities within international development initiatives has been identified as a pivotal strategy to facilitate the realization of global development goals. This approach has been identified as a potentially substantial catalyst of positive change, impacting both global well-being and stability (Kidd, 2011).

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGS)

Back in 2000, when the UN was holding its Summit, all its member countries agreed on a set of 8 MDGs. These goals were set up to help the world's poorest countries develop, with a target completion date of 2015. This series of goals has since become a pivotal point in the discourse and implementation of public policy concerning global development (Amin, 2006).

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- **2014**

- The 5th Next Step conference took place in New Delhi, India.

The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace was celebrated throughout the World.

- Sport for Development and Peace group meeting was held in Geneva, Switzerland.

- **2015**

Sport is recognized as a key part of the Sustainable Development Goals, and the Beyond Sport Summit is introducing Child Safeguards to improve safety in sports for kids.

- **2017**

The United Nations (UN) has announced its intention to close the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace. (Sport and Development, n.d.).

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Chapter 8

AN EXAMINATION OF THE TRUST LEVELS OF FOOTBALL FANS IN SPORTS CLUBS

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INTRODUCTION

Sport, with its multiple and complex dimensions, including sociological, economic, and political factors, has evolved into a global phenomenon and a field of interest that is examined in all its branches and aspects. Among these, football has evolved into an organisational structure in today's world. Beyond its mythical, religious, and class-based characteristics, football has gained significance through its association with symbolic values (Talimciler, 2008). As organised entertainment, football serves social, political, administrative, and economic purposes. Football can be considered as a multifaceted phenomenon, representing elements such as entertainment, power, joy, sorrow, national pride, and a sense of community where individuals can establish their identities and feel secure (Talimciler, 2008). The industrialisation of sports, accelerated by football's widespread popularity, has paved the way for the establishment of various organised systems. Presently, football displays a highly intricate political and economic structure (Erdoğan, 2008). One of the most significant intangible assets within this industrial framework is the licensing system, which grants clubs and athletes the right to operate (Gomez et al., 2008). Fans are undoubtedly among the indispensable elements of sports clubs, as their presence is the most critical factor for the sustainability of a sports club or a sport itself (Talimciler, 2008). Globally, football clubs stand out particularly in terms of their fan base and economic magnitude. In many cases, the economic

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examined, it is clearly seen that the people who have remained in charge of clubs for the longest periods in Turkey are the presidents, rather than the coaches and players. The main reason why the most frequently changing actors in this structure are the football players and coaches is due to the low level of trust in these actors. The findings in Yılmaz's (2021) study do not coincide with our study.

It has been determined that female fans trust football players more than male fans. Similar to the rest of the world, women's interest in football in Turkey is mostly driven by the names in the spotlight, especially football players who have become popular culture icons. While men follow the club's management policies and the coaches' tactical practices in depth, women's interest in football is directly proportional to the popularity and success of the players. The findings of the study conducted by Önal (2014) include the statement, "The chance to meet the players before or after the match will increase the motivation of families to come to the stadium, which means higher loyalty." which supports our research results.

It has been determined that Beşiktaş fans have more trust in their coaches, club presidents and players than Fenerbahçe and Galatasaray fans. Beşiktaş's fan group, the famous "Çarşı", which is considered to be the most organized fan group in Turkey, and its presence in activities related to various problems of society reveals a commitment independent of the team's statistical success. Önal's (2014) study also supports this view. The statistical difference between trust in teams in Yılmaz's (2021) study is not similar to our study.

As a result, we can say that fan support must be increased in order for sports clubs to achieve their goals. Considering the period in which the study was conducted, it can be recommended that more activities be carried out to increase the trust levels of the fans of Galatasaray sports club in particular. Further researchers working with larger sample groups may contribute to the field.

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