Skill Acquisition in Sport
Research, Theory and Practice

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Success in sport depends upon the athlete's ability to develop and perfect a specific set of perceptual, cognitive and motor skills. Now in a fully revised and updated new edition, *Skill Acquisition in Sport* examines how we learn such skills and, in particular, considers the crucial role of practice and instruction in the skill acquisition process.

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- augmented feedback
- observational practice and learning
- implicit motor learning
- mental imagery training
- physical guidance
- motivation and motor learning
- neurophysiology
- development of skill
- joint action.

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