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- manual scoring keys,

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Evaluation based on the *Recovery-Stress Questionnaire for Athletes* scales immediately provides valuable information on areas where improvement is needed. This information can be used to modify future behavior. The questionnaire is ideal for applied settings.

As an added benefit, purchasers of the *Recovery-Stress Questionnaire for Athletes: User Manual* are encouraged to photocopy as many copies of the questionnaires as needed for both applied and research purposes.

Recovery is vital in the sport training process as well as in everyday life. The *Recovery-Stress Questionnaire for Athletes* helps users to formulate strategies to enhance recovery, making training more effective.

CD-ROM Minimum System Requirements

- IBM PC compatible with Pentium processor or higher
- Windows 9.x/NT 4.0 or Windows 2000
- At least 16 MB RAM with 32 MB recommended
- 2x CD-ROM drive
- 15 MB hard drive space available
- Inkjet or laser printer (optional)
- 256 colors
- VGA color monitor (800 x 600)
- Mouse

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