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Unit 1: Introduction and Assessment

Unit 2: Hydration
- Hydration and Fluid Replacement
- Dehydration
- Hydration Plan
- Heat Illness
- Prevention
- Resources: Position Statement and Recommendations to Minimize the Risk for Dehydration and Heat Illness; Position Statement and Recommendations for the Use of Energy Drinks by Young Athletes, Relative Humidity; Sickle-Cell Trait; Understanding Sweat Loss

Unit 3: Nutrition
- General Nutrition
- Changing Eating Habits
- Special Diets and Issues
- Resources: General Nutrition: A-Z healthy snack list; Dietary Fat and Cholesterol; Dining Out; Eating Breakfast; Healthy Snacking; Let’s Eat for the Health of It; Eating on the Run; Where do your favorite foods fit in? Special Diets: Gluten Sensitivity for Athletes; Vegetarian Eating for Athletes; Vegetarian Food Guide; Special Issues: Disordered Eating in Adolescent Athletes; Prevalence and Risk Factors; Female Athlete Triad; Sports Nutrition: Eating Before Exercise; Eating During Exercise; Eating for Recovery; Weight Management: Gaining Weight/Building Muscle; Portion Distortion

Unit 4: Supplements
- Dietary Supplements
- Performance Enhancing Drugs
- Recreational Drugs
- Resources: Dietary Supplements; Position Statement on Anabolic Steroids; Supplements Position Statement; Vitamin and Mineral Supplements

Additional Resources: Links to various pertinent Websites