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Sport Policy: A Comparative Analysis of Stability and Change is the first book to address the burgeoning interest in processes of policy change and issues associated with policy convergence in the context of comparison, across national boundaries.

In stark contrast to many other areas of public policy such as education, personal welfare and health care there is a paucity of theoretically informed comparative studies in sport. Over recent years there has been a steady increase in public investment in sport and frequently, as a consequence, a sharper debate about how public resources should be used. However, there has been little analysis of the factors that shape the generation of domestic sport policy and little attempt to identify the variables that might influence the policy process.

Sport Policy: A Comparative Analysis of Stability and Change provides a theoretically informed analysis of the sports systems in Canada, England, Germany and Norway. These economically advanced countries are carefully selected to enable the investigation of the significance of variables and because they share a number of socio-economic and sports-related characteristics, which provides the text with a unique breadth and depth of coverage.

Written by an internationally renowned author team and vital in its addition to the literature in the area, this book offers the reader:

- a cutting-edge text which responds to the increasing importance of sport policy and its relation to public investment
- excellent depth and coverage through theoretically informed analysis of the sports systems in four carefully selected countries Canada, England, Germany and Norway
- authorship by established and leading academics in the field of sport policy.

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