# THE PHYSIOLOGY OF TRAINING





## PRINCIPLES OF TRAINING OVERLOAD

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- A system or tissue must be exercised at a level beyond what it is <u>accustomed</u> to in order for a training effect to occur. Gradual adaptation to the overload takes place.
- The overload is achieved by manipulating combinations of the\<sup>I</sup> FITT principle:
  - Frequency How <u>often</u> the exercise is done.
  - Intensity How hard the exercise is done.
  - <u>Time</u> How <u>long</u> the exercise is done.
  - <u>Type</u> <u>What</u> exercise is being done.

# PRINCIPLES OF TRAINING SPECIFICITY

- The training effect is limited to the muscle fibers and the system being <u>stressed</u>.
- Specific exercise elicits specific adaptations, creating <u>training effects</u>.

• Eg:

- Training the anaerobic system has little effect on the aerobic system.
- Training for strength has little effect on the aerobic system
- Training the legs has little effect on the arms.

# PRINCIPLES OF TRAINING

- Every person responds <u>differently</u> to training in a greater or lesser degree.
- Training benefits are optimized when programs are planned to meet the individual needs and capacities of the participants.





# PRINCIPLES OF TRAINING DETRAINING OR REVERSIBILITY

- When overload is stopped the training effect is gradually <u>lost</u>
- When workouts stop, are too far apart or are not stressful enough, performance may get <u>worse</u>.





# ANAEROBIC SYSTEM CHANGES WITH TRAINING

- Increases in resting levels of ATP, CP, C and glycogen.
- Increases in the quantity and activity of the key <u>enzymes</u> that controls the anaerobic phase of glucose breakdown.
- Increases in the capacity for generating high levels of blood lactate as a result of increased levels of glycogen and "pain" <u>tolerance</u> and <u>motivation</u>

# **ANAEROBIC TRAINING**

### Anaerobic Alactic System

- ATP-CP System
- Type of training Interval
- Intensity <u>100%</u> of maximum work rate.
- Work Time per rep <u>5-10</u> seconds.
- Work/Pause Ratio 1:5 1:6
- Set Volume Max of <u>60</u> seconds.
- Rest between sets 3-10 minutes.
- Session Volume 2-8 minutes.
- Sessions per week max of 3.
- Programs will be <u>8-12</u> weeks.
- Use <u>sport specific</u> training.





**ANAEROBIC TRAINING** 

Anaerobic Lactic System

- Type of training Interval
- Intensity <u>85-100%</u> of max HR (220-age)
- Work Time per rep <u>10</u> secs to <u>2</u> mins
- Work/Pause Ration 1:5 to 1:6
- Set Volume Max of 3 minutes
- Rest between sets 10-15 minutes
- Session Volume 10-12 minutes.
- Sessions per week max of 3.
- Programs will be <u>8-12</u> weeks.
- Use <u>sport specific</u> training.

# AEROBIC SYSTEM CHANGES WITH TRAINING

### Metabolic Adaptations:

- Increased capacity to generate <u>ATP</u> because of increases in aerobic enzymes
- Increase in ability to use <u>fats</u> as a fuel source
- Increased ability to use <u>carbohydrates</u> as a fuel source.



# AEROBIC SYSTEM CHANGES WITH TRAINING

### Cardiovascular and Respiratory adaptations

- Increase in weight and volume of <u>heart</u>
- Decrease in resting and submaximal heart <u>rates</u>.
- Increase in heart stroke volume at rest and during exercise resulting in an increase in maximal <u>cardiac output</u>.
- Increase in O<sub>2</sub> extraction from blood.
- Reduction in both systolic and diastolic blood pressure at both rest and submaximal exercise.
- Increase in breathing volumes
- Increase in VO<sub>2</sub> max

# **AEROBIC TRAINING**



- Type of training Continuous
- Intensity <u>80-85%</u> of max HR for interval
   60-80% of max HR for <u>continuous</u>
- Work Time per rep <u>15</u> secs to <u>7</u> mins for interval
- Work/Pause Ration 1:2 to 1:3 for interval
- Set Volume <u>10-15</u> mins for interval
- Rest between sets 10-15 minutes for interval
- Session Volume 20-60 minutes for both.
- Sessions per week 3-6
- Important as a <u>base</u> for anaerobic system



# CHANGES FROM STRENGTH TRAINING

### Neural Changes:

- Recruitment of more <u>motor units</u>.
- Better synchronization of motor units.
- Happens <u>early</u> in training program.

### Increase in muscle size

- Hypertrophy an increase in the cross sectional area of muscle fibers as a result of increase in the number of <u>myofibrils</u>.
- Hyperplasia an <u>increase</u> in the number of muscle fibers.

### NEURAL AND MUSCULAR ADAPTATIONS



# **STRENGTH TRAINING BASICS**

- Use a progressive approach
- $\odot$  Do <u>2-3</u> workouts per week.
- Allow at least <u>48</u> hours between workouts for a specific muscle group.
- <u>Vary</u> the workouts as often as every week
- Develop a muscular <u>balance</u>

BASIC PHASES OF STRENGTH TRAINING

1. Transition Phase

- Purpose To help the body adjust to the demands of resistance training.
- <u>Duration</u> <u>1 to 3</u> weeks.
- Workout: 2 to 3 sets of <u>12-15</u> reps

• @<u>55-65%</u> of 1 rep max

BASIC PHASES OF STRENGTH TRAINING

2. Hypertrophy Phase

- Purpose To increase the size of the muscle fibers.
- Ouration <u>2 to 4</u> weeks.
- Workout: <u>3-6</u> sets of 9-12

reps

• @<u>75-80%</u> of 1 rep max



BASIC PHASES OF STRENGTH TRAINING

3. Strength Phase

• <u>Purpose</u> - <u>neuromuscular</u> adaptations.

Ouration - <u>2-4</u> weeks.

• Workout: 4 to 8 sets of <u>1-5</u>

reps

• @<u>85-100%</u> of 1 rep max



# **POWER TRAINING**

- Power is a combination of <u>strength and speed</u>
- Most sporting activities demand high levels of power and not just strength.
- Strength levels can be improved by <u>300-500%</u> but <u>speed</u> can only be improved by <u>10-20</u>%.
- Good strength levels should be reached before heavy power training is done.



#### **POWER TRAINING**

**Resistance Exercises** 

- Purpose neuromuscular adaptations directed at improving the speed of movement.
- Ouration <u>2-3</u> weeks.
- Workout: 3 to 5 sets of <u>6-10</u> reps @

  maximum speed

### **POWER TRAINING**

Plyometrics

- The muscle is stretched immediately prior to contraction, making use of the stretch reflex to increase the muscular force
- Examples: hopping, skipping, bounding and depth jumps
- Should only be done <u>after</u> high strength levels have been reached as it is very demanding on the body
- Should be done on soft surfaces such as mats or soft ground
- Workout: 1 to 3 sets of 10-12 reps with at least <u>2 days</u> rest between workouts

### **OTHER STRENGTH TRAINING METHODS**

### **Isometric Exercises**

- Can result in both muscle hypertrophy and increase in strength.
- Strength gains are primarily developed at <u>specific</u> muscle length or joint angle of the training
- Sometimes used in recovery from injuries causing a loss of strength at specific angles

### **OTHER STRENGTH TRAINING METHODS**

**Isokinetic Devices** 

- Based on muscle producing maximum force throughout the full range of motion
- The speed in controlled usually by hydraulic cylinders (eg: HydraGym)
   No eccentric contractions are

possible

# A BASIC STRENGTH TRAINING PROGRAM

- 1. Transition Phase <u>1-3</u> Weeks
- $\odot$  3. Strength <u>2-4</u> weeks
- Rotate between steps 2 and 3 using progression and variety
- Consider <u>power</u> prior to critical performances
- Set aside some time each year for periods of rest during with only <u>maintenance</u> workouts are done.

FLEXIBILITY

Range of Motion about a Joint

- Specific to the individual.
- Specific to the joint.
- Limited by muscles, tendons, joint capsule, ligaments and bones of the joint.
- Can usually be increased by stretching the muscles and tendons acting around the joint.



Passive Static Stretching

- 1. Athlete begins in neutral starting position
- 2. Athlete moves body part to its maximum range of motion to a point where the muscle can be felt but there is no pain.
- 3. This position is held for <u>10-60</u> seconds during which time the athlete must <u>consciously</u> try to relax the muscles.
- 4. The starting position is returned to and then the sequence is repeated <u>2 or 3</u> times.

### Active Static Stretching

- 1. Athlete beings in neutral starting position
- 2. Athlete moves body part as far as possible.
- 3. The body part is then <u>pushed</u> beyond this range of motion either by the athlete or a partner until the muscle tension can be felt but there is no pain.
- 4. The body part is held at this maximum range for <u>15-20</u> seconds during which time the athlete is consciously trying to relax.
- 5. The starting position is returned to and then the sequence is repeated <u>2 or 3</u> times per muscle group.

\*\*Active Static Stretching increases ROM better than passive static stretching\*\*

**PNF Stretching** 

- 1. Athlete begins in neutral starting position.
- 2. Athlete moves body part as far as possible
- 3. The body part is then <u>pushed</u> beyond this range of motion either by the athlete or a partner until the muscle tension can be felt but there is no pain.
- 4. The partner <u>holds</u> the body part at the maximum range of motion

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**PNF Stretching** 

- The athlete actively contracts the muscle group <u>against</u> the partner's resistance for <u>5-6</u> seconds.
- 6. The athlete then <u>relaxes</u> the muscle group as the partner gently pushes the joint to a <u>greater</u> range of motion until a new stretch is felt. Athlete may also actively contract the antagonist muscle group.
- 7. The sequence is repeated <u>3</u> times per muscle group

# **WORKOUT BASICS**

- Complete a <u>warm-up</u> before beginning.
  - 1. Raise body temp. (close to a light sweat)
  - 2. stretch

### Order of exercises (3 methods)

- 1. Large muscles first
- 2. Alternating with antagonistic groups
- 3. Alternating upper body and lower body
- Ensure adequate <u>rest</u> between each set to allow complete recovery 2-5 mins. Average
- Ideally all sets for one exercise should be done before moving on to the next exercise

# WORKOUT BASICS

- To save time consider using <u>mini cycles</u> of 2 or 3 exercises of different muscle groups
- Encourage athletes to work with a partner
- Train athletes on the proper lifting techniques especially when using free weights.
- Ensure that all equipment is in a good state of <u>repair</u> before each workout.