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Revision Cards for Edexcel GCSE PE: Component 1

Fitness and Body Systems

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Teacher's Introduction

How to Use These Cards

These revision cards have been written to support revision of Component 1 of the Edexcel GCSE PE specification. The cards provide coverage of the whole of Component 1 specification content.

These cards provide many flexible ways to help motivate your students when revising key topics in class or at home. Using the cards in different ways can help students develop their understanding of the examination content.

Flexible ways to use:

- **As a homework** – students to read the relevant cards in preparation for your next lesson.
- **As a starter** – students to read the cards relating to the previous lesson's course content, before you quiz them on the content using the extension questions to challenge them.
- As a set of concise notes which students can **use to support the answering of practical questions**. This can be used to practise the technique of converting information into a well-written answer.
- As a **general revision aid** leading up to the exam. Cards can be laminated allowing them to be taken around when preparing for their exam so that revision can be performed just before or after travelling home from school.
- **In pairs:**
 - As a **student-led quiz** where the students can use the cards to test each other on the questions on the cards (or, alternatively, by writing their own questions).
 - As summary notes which students can use to **teach the key information** to the other student.
- **In groups or as a class:**
 - As a **recall exercise** performed in small groups where one student must teach the content of the card. The second student should then memorise the content (without viewing the card) and then teach it to the third student, and so on. The last student should then write down how accurate they were in listening to the card's content by answering the questions. The first student should then rotate to swap places in the line.
 - As part of a **hot-seat game**, where students must take it in turns to sit in the 'hot seat' and answer the questions. They can work in groups and see which group is able to answer the most questions, testing students' confidence on key topics.

The cards are designed to be cut out and folded in half, so that the questions become the back of the cards. There are two types of question provided on the cards:

1. **Card questions** – designed to test knowledge on the card itself
2. **Extension questions** – offer a springboard to inspire further reading and challenge students to apply their knowledge, draw links between different areas of the specification and draw links between different areas of the specification

However, you may wish to cut out the cards without the questions, so that students can use the cards as a reference. The back of the cards, adding to the flexibility of the resource.

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- 1.1.11 is covered throughout cards 1–27
- 1.4.4 is covered throughout cards 53, 54 and 56
- 1.4.5 is covered on cards 105–109
- 3.2.5 is covered on cards 88–104
- 4.1 is covered where appropriate throughout the cards

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Functions of the Skeleton

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The skeletal system has five major functions that support participation and performance in physical activity and sport.

These include:

Protection of vital organs

Allows muscle attachment

Forms joints that allow movement

Platelet, red and white blood cell production

Mineral storage, such as calcium and phosphorus



Functions of

The body contains flat bones that protect internal organs when we perform physical activity.

- The ribs protect internal organs
- The cranium (skull) protects the brain



Functions of the Skeleton

3

The bones provide a **site for muscles to attach** to via tendons, and the muscles are able to cause movement when they contract by pulling on the bones.

- The biceps are able to move the lower arm by pulling on the **radius** and **ulna**
- The hamstrings are able to move the lower leg by pulling on the **tibia** and **fibula**

Application:

Muscle attachment is important for all sports in order to move the body and perform skills. This allows athletes to evade opponents in sports such as football, and to move body parts in order to perform skills such as a tennis serve.



Functions of

The bones **interact with each other** to form joints that are moveable and allow sections of the body to move in specific directions, depending on the joint.

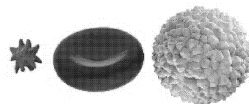
Application:

The radius, ulna and humerus meet at the elbow joint and allow flexion and extension to occur in order to perform sporting movements such as throwing a basketball, performing a biceps curl and performing the ball toss before a tennis serve.

Functions of the Skeleton

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Platelets, red blood cells and white blood cells are produced within the bone marrow which is found within the central area of the bone.



Application:

Red blood cells are the **oxygen-carrying component** of the blood and are, therefore, especially important in aerobic sports, such as long-distance running, which require a large supply of oxygen.

White blood cells play an important role in **immune functioning** and are, therefore, important as they limit the amount of time an athlete will miss due to illness.

Platelets are important for **forming blood clots** and are, therefore, important when an athlete cuts themselves during sporting activity as they prevent major blood loss.

Functions of

Bones store minerals, such as calcium and phosphorus, which are important for growth and development.

Application:

Calcium and **phosphorus** are essential for the formation of healthy bones as they build up the bone structure. This role is particularly important in American football, and sports where bones must withstand repetitive loading, such as marathon running. Calcium is also important during muscular contractions.

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Functions of the Skeleton

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Card Question:

Provide specific examples of bones which provide protection.

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Extension Question:

Describe another sporting example where protection is important.

Functions of

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Card Question

Identify the fun

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Extension Qu

How does each aid sporting per

Functions of the Skeleton

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Card Question:

Identify joints in the body and the movements each can perform.

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Extension Question:

Assess how different joints in our bodies allow us to perform different movements in sport.

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Card Question

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Extension Qu

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Functions of the Skeleton

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Card Question:

Describe the importance of calcium and phosphorus for healthy functioning of the body.

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Extension Question:

What dietary sources provide calcium and phosphorus for the body?

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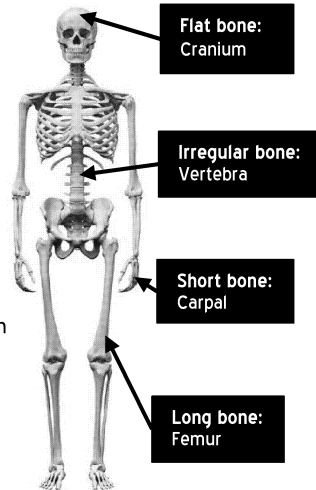
Classification of Bones

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The bones of the body can be classified into four different types, each of which has its own particular function and relevance for physical activity.

The types of bone and their functions are:

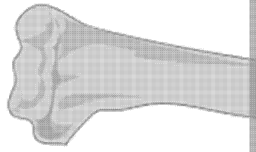
- **Long bones** – for leverage
- **Short bones** – for weight bearing
- **Flat bones** – for protection and muscle attachment
- **Irregular bones** – for protection and muscle attachment



Classification

Long bones are important as muscles pull on them in order to exert force on external objects.

The major long bones in the body are the femur in the legs, and the humerus in the arms.



Application:

These are important in all types of movement and perform most of the work of the body.

Classification of Bones

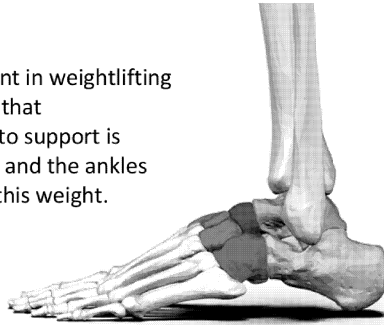
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Short bones are important for providing a **weight-bearing** role which allows the body to support its own weight and also carry external weights without causing damage.

These are small bones which have a similar width and length, such as the tarsals found in the ankles, and the carpals found in the wrist.

Application:

They are important in weightlifting when the weight that the skeleton has to support is greatly increased and the ankles need to support this weight.



Classification

Flat bones provide a **site for muscle attachment** and allow movement to occur. They also **offer protection of the internal organs**.

Examples of these bones are the ribs which protect the heart and lungs, and the scapula which muscles to attach to.

Application:

They are important for contact sports such as kickboxing as they allow quick movements, such as kicking, to occur by anchoring the muscles to the bone and also protect vital organs from damage when contact is made with kicks.

Classification of Bones

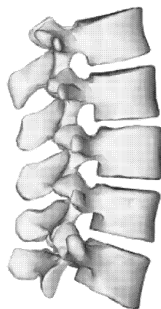
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Irregular bones have a similar function to flat bones as they also provide a **site for muscle attachment** and **protect the vital organs**.

Irregular bones have unique structures which are designed for a specific function, such as the vertebrae which are designed for small movements and to protect the spinal column which runs through the vertebrae.

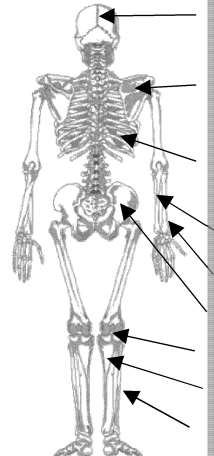
Application:

The vertebrae are important in most sports by offering protection to the spinal cord, e.g. in football, they prevent significant injury occurring when a defender's knee makes contact with the back of an attacking player when challenging for a header.



Classification

The major bones of the skeleton are shown in the diagram below:



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Classification of Bones

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Classification

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Card Question:

Describe the role of long bones.

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Extension Question:

Assess the value of long bones in allowing performance in a sport of your choice.

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Card Question:

Identify the four categories of bones.

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Extension Question:

Classify the major bones of the body into these four categories.

Classification of Bones

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Classification

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Card Question:

Describe the role of flat bones.

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Extension Question:

Discuss another specific example of where flat bones are used in sport.

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Card Question:

Describe the role of short bones.

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Extension Question:

State another specific example of where short bones are used in sport.

Classification of Bones

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Classification

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Card Question:

Identify the location of all the major bones of the body.

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Extension Question:

For each bone of the body, state one function that allows you to participate in a sport of your choice.

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Card Question:

Describe the role of irregular bones.

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Extension Question:

Explain how the structure of an irregular bone allows a gymnast to safely perform a backflip.

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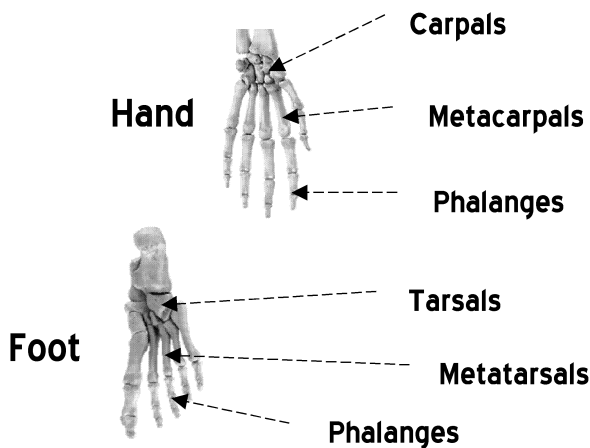
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Structure of the Skeletal System

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The bones of the hands and feet are outlined below:



Structure of the

The regions of the vertebr

Cervical (seven vertebrae) — movement for head movem

Thoracic (12 vertebrae) — provides protection for vital

Lumbar (five vertebrae) — s

Sacrum (five fused vertebrae) supports body weight

Coccyx (five fused vertebrae) attachment

Classification of Joints

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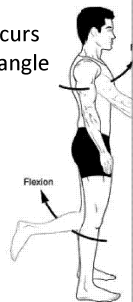
There are four types of joint that you need to know about:

- **Pivot joints** – These joints occur between the **atlas** (first cervical vertebra) and **axis** (second cervical vertebra) **joint** in the neck, and between the **radius and ulna**. They allow **rotation** to occur.
- **Hinge joints** – These joints occur at the **elbow, knee** and **ankle**, and allow **flexion / plantar flexion** and **extension/dorsiflexion** to occur.
- **Ball-and-socket joints** – These joints occur at the **hip** and **shoulder**, and allow **abduction/ adduction, flexion/extension, rotation** and **circumduction** to occur.
- **Condyloid joints** – These joints are found at the **wrist** and allow **flexion** and **extension** to occur.

Each type of joint is able to perform specific forms of movement as a result of the way that the articulating bones interact with each other.

Movement Possi

Flexion occurs when the angle of a joint decreases

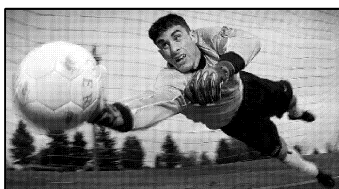


Sporting Example:

The preparation (flexion) phase (extension) of a bas

Movement Possibilities

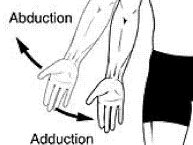
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Sporting Example:

A football goalkeeper lifting their arms away from their body or towards their body in order to save a shot.

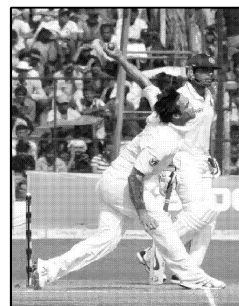
Abduction occurs when a body part is moved away from the midline of the body



Adduction occurs when a body part is moved towards the midline of the body

Movement Possi

Rotation occurs when a part is moved in a circular motion around an axis.



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Structure of the Skeletal System

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Structure of the

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Card Question:

Describe the location of the five regions of the vertebral column.

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Extension Question:

Discuss the movements available at each region of the vertebral column and explain each region's functions in sport participation.

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Card Question:

Identify the b

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Extension Question:

How does the feet allow a gy

Movement Possibilities

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Classification of

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Card Question:

Define 'flexion' and 'extension' and give an example of these movements in sport.

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Extension Question:

List as many other sporting examples of flexion and extension as you can for all of the joints that each movement occurs in.

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Card Question:

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Extension Question:

Assess the type performed at e

Movement Possibilities

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Movement Possi

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Card Question:

Define 'rotation' and give an example of this movement in sport.

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Extension Question:

List as many other sporting examples of rotation as you can for all of the joints that it occurs in.

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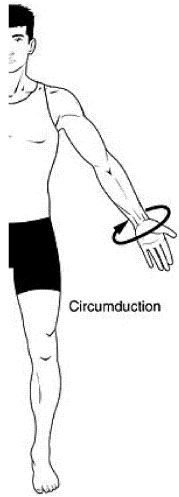
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Movement Possibilities

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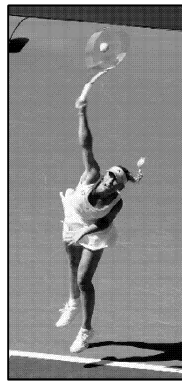


Circumduction

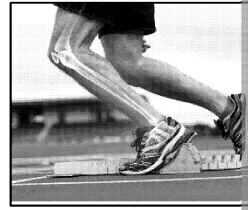
Circumduction occurs when a body part is moved in a conical shape.

Sporting Example:

Circular movement of a tennis player's arm when serving.



Movement Possibilities



Sporting Example:

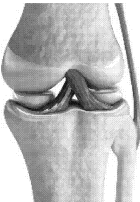
Performing a sprint start at the beginning of a 100 m race requires the athlete to perform plantar flexion in order to push off the block.

Ligaments and Tendons

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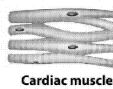
There are two types of connective tissue which play a role during physical activity:

- **Tendons** – these attach muscles to bone and are responsible for transferring the force created by the muscles in order to move the bone.
- **Ligaments** – these attach bones to other bones in order to stabilise joints and reduce the risk of injury during movement by restricting the range of movement.



Classification of Muscles

There are three types of muscle:



Cardiac muscle

This type of muscle is under conscious control and allows movement of the heart. It provides a constant supply of blood during exercise.

This type of muscle is under conscious control and allows movement of body parts when required during exercise. However, it can become fatigued.



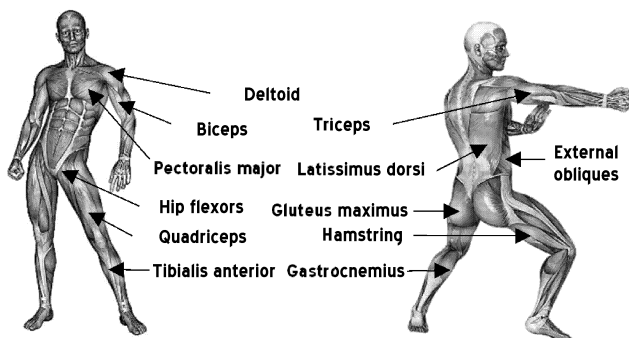
Smooth muscle

This type of muscle is under conscious control and allows movement of internal organs. It aids venous return.

Location of Muscles

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The location of the major muscles of the body are identified on the diagram below:



Antagonistic Pairs

Muscles work in pairs called antagonistic pairs to produce movements. With one muscle contracting, the other relaxes.

- **agonist** – this is the muscle that causes movement
- **antagonist** – this opposes the agonist in order to control the movement

The following is an example of an antagonistic pair:

Triceps (antagonist)



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Movement Possibilities

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Movement Possibilities

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Card Question:

Define 'plantar flexion' and 'dorsiflexion' and give an example of each of these movements in sport.

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Extension Question:

List as many other sporting examples as you can of plantar flexion and dorsiflexion at the ankle.

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Card Question:

Define 'circumduction' and give an example of this movement.

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Extension Question:

List as many other sporting examples as you can of circumduction at the ankle.

Classification of Muscles

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Ligaments and Joints

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Card Question:

Describe the three types of muscle that occur within the body.

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Extension Question:

What muscle fibre type will each of the muscle types be predominantly made up of?

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Card Question:

Describe the role of ligaments.

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Extension Question:

What types of ligaments are found in the body?

Antagonistic Pairs

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Location of Muscles

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Card Question:

Describe how antagonistic pairs work.

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Extension Question:

Identify as many examples as you can of antagonistic pairs in the body and state what movements they would produce.

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Card Question:

Identify the location of the muscles of the body.

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Extension Question:

For each muscle, identify the movement it produces while acting as an agonist.

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Characteristics of Muscle Fibres

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Type I Muscle Fibres	
Summary	These muscle fibres are also known as slow-twitch fibres
Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large myoglobin content • Large number of mitochondria • Resistant to fatigue • Work aerobically
Benefits for athletes	They allow athletes to work at low intensities for prolonged periods of time
Suitable sports	Endurance cycling, long-distance running and swimming events

Characteristics of Muscle Fibres

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Type IIx Muscle Fibres	
Summary	These muscle fibres are also known as fast glycolytic fibres
Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small mitochondria supply • Small myoglobin content • Produce very forceful contractions • Produce very rapid contractions • Easily fatigued • Work anaerobically
Benefits for athletes	Allow athletes to produce maximal contractions and work anaerobically
Suitable sports	Weightlifting, sprinting (running, cycling and swimming)

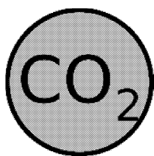
Cardiovascular System Functions

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Transporting oxygen, carbon dioxide and nutrients around the body is important in order to allow muscular contraction to occur.



Oxygen is required by the muscles in order to produce energy for muscular contractions.



Carbon dioxide is produced during exercise, lowering the pH of the blood (making it more acidic) and leading to fatigue if it is not removed.



Nutrients such as glucose are required in order to fuel muscular contractions for exercise.

Characteristics of Muscle Fibres

Type II	
Summary	These muscle fibres are also known as fast-twitch fibres
Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large myoglobin content • Large number of mitochondria • Resistant to fatigue • Work aerobically
Benefits for athletes	Allow athletes to work at low intensities for prolonged periods of time
Suitable sports	Endurance cycling, long-distance running and swimming events

Cardiovascular System Functions

The cardiovascular system has three main roles:

- **transporting** oxygen, carbon dioxide and nutrients around the body
- regulating body **temperature**
- **clotting** open wounds

Cardiovascular System Functions

Regulation of body **temperature** is an important role of the cardiovascular system as it ensures that the core body temperature remains at 37 °C as large deviations from this temperature can disrupt bodily processes.

During exercise, the body temperature rises.

Temperature is regulated by blood vessels supplying blood to the skin, which allows heat to be lost.

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Characteristics of Muscle Fibres

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Card Question:

Describe the characteristics of type IIa muscle fibres, and explain the benefit of these fibres for athletes.

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Extension Question:

How can athletes increase the type IIa fibre content of their muscles?

Characteristics of Muscle Fibres

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Extension Question:

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Cardiovascular System Functions

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Card Question:

Identify the three main roles of the cardiovascular system.

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Extension Question:

Explain how the roles of the cardiovascular system allow us to participate in sport.

Characteristics of Muscle Fibres

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Card Question:

Describe the characteristics of type IIa muscle fibres, and explain the benefit of these fibres for athletes.

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Extension Question:

How can athletes increase the type IIa fibre content of their muscles?

Cardiovascular System Functions

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Card Question:

Explain the importance of being able to regulate body temperature during exercise.

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Extension Question:

What impact does increased temperature have on an athlete's ability to exercise?

Cardiovascular System Functions

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Card Question:

Explain the importance of being able to regulate oxygen, carbon dioxide and body temperature around the body during exercise.

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Extension Question:

How will the temperature of the cardiovascular system change during exercise intensity?

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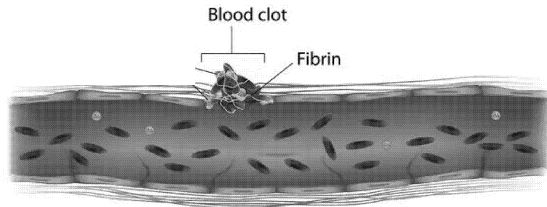


Cardiovascular System Functions

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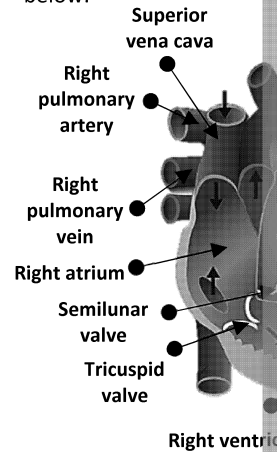
Clotting of open wounds needs to occur in order to avoid excessive blood loss every time the skin is cut. This role is performed by **platelets** which bind to the broken surface of the blood vessel.

This function of the cardiovascular system is particularly important in sports which involve contact, such as rugby, or sports where the skin is exposed to damage, such as cycling, where falls can lead to severe cuts.



Cardiovascular System

The main structures of the heart are shown below:



Cardiovascular System Functions

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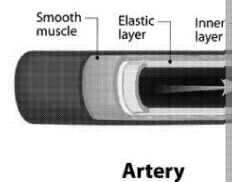
Use Card 32 to help you visualise the following pathway of blood through the cardiovascular system:

1. Deoxygenated blood returns to the right atrium via the vena cava.
2. The tricuspid valve opens, allowing blood to flow into the right ventricle.
3. Blood travels to the lungs via the left pulmonary artery when the ventricles contract and force open the semilunar valve.
4. Oxygen diffuses into the blood at the lungs.
5. Oxygenated blood returns to the left atrium via the pulmonary vein.
6. The bicuspid valve opens, allowing blood to flow into the left ventricle.
7. Blood is pumped out of the heart and around the body when the ventricles contract and force open the semilunar valve.

Artery, Capillary and Vein

The **arteries** have the following characteristics:

- The diameter of **lumen** is small
- Blood is under **high pressure**
- **Thick walls**
- **Vasodilation** and **vasoconstriction** to regulate blood flow during exercise
- **Do not contain valves**
- Aid exercise by **carrying oxygen**

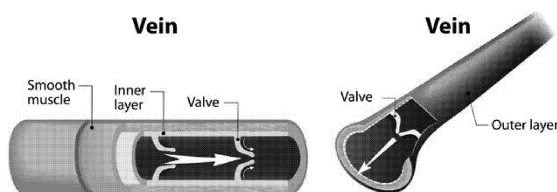


Artery, Capillary and Vein Structure

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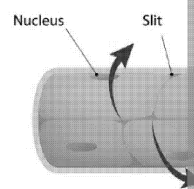
The **veins** have the following characteristics:

- The diameter of **lumen** is **large**
- Blood is under **low pressure**
- **Thin walls**
- **Contain valves** to prevent backflow under low pressure
- Transport **deoxygenated blood back to the heart** so that it can be pumped to the lungs
- **Transport waste products** of exercise for removal



The **capillaries** have the following characteristics:

- The **surface area** of the capillaries is **large**
- **Gaseous exchange** occurs
- **Small lumen** slows blood flow
- **Thin walls** enable gaseous exchange
- **Do not contain valves**
- Allow **oxygen to diffuse** into the muscle and **fuel** muscular contraction



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? **Card Question:**
Describe the location of the main components of the heart.

? **Extension Question:**
Discuss the role of the heart's components in maintaining blood circulation during performance in physical activity and sport.

? **Card Question:**
Explain the importance of a blood clot opening up.

? **Extension Question:**
Some individuals have a higher risk of blood clots in their blood. Describe these individuals and describe these individuals more at risk with blood clots.

? **Card Question:**
Describe the characteristics of the arteries.

? **Extension Question:**
How are the arteries able to support the needs of the body during high-intensity exercise?

? **Card Question:**
Outline the path of blood through the cardiovascular system.

? **Extension Question:**
Describe the importance of pressure gradients in the cardiovascular system.

? **Card Question:**
Describe the characteristics of the capillaries.

? **Extension Question:**
How are the capillaries able to support the needs of the body during high-intensity exercise?

? **Card Question:**
Describe the characteristics of the veins.

? **Extension Question:**
How are the veins able to support the needs of the body during high-intensity exercise?

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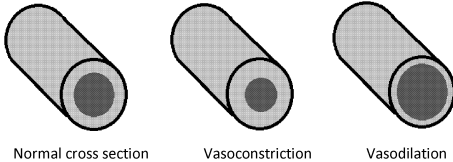
Vascular Shunt

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Vascular shunt is the process through which blood is redistributed around the body in order to deliver oxygen and nutrients to the areas where they are needed most.

This redistribution is possible due to the vascular system's ability to perform:

- **vasodilation** – an increase in the size of the lumen of arteries supplying **working muscles** during exercise
- **vasoconstriction** – a decrease in the size of the lumen of arteries supplying **less active regions/organs** during exercise



Normal cross section

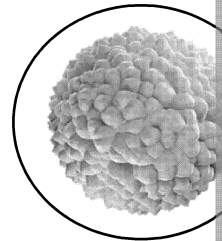
Vasoconstriction

Vasodilation

The Role of Blood

White blood cells are involved in the **defence function** of the body by attacking and breaking down foreign cells in the body.

They ensure that athletes are able to recover from injuries, are, therefore, able to train again.

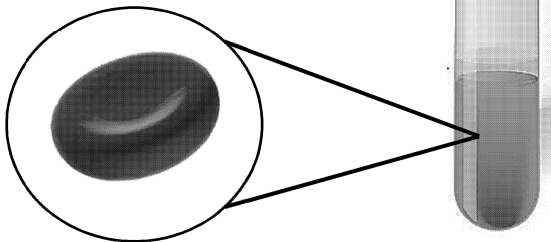


The Role of Blood

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Red blood cells contain **haemoglobin** which is able to bind to **oxygen** and **carbon dioxide** in order to transport them between the working muscles and the lungs.

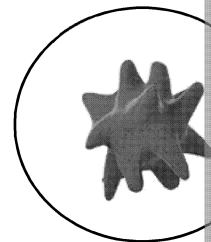
They therefore **supply working muscles with the oxygen** required for contractions and **remove the carbon dioxide** which would otherwise cause fatigue.



The Role of Blood

Platelets are responsible for **clotting blood** in order to avoid excessive bleeding when blood vessels are ruptured.

They **prevent traumatic injuries** from occurring when athletes cut themselves during competition by quickly closing wounds.

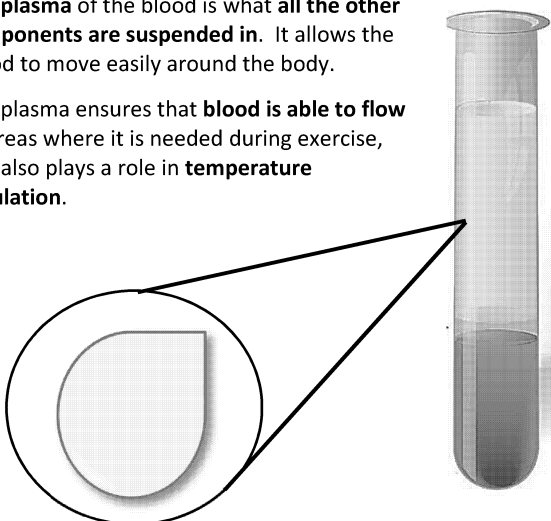


The Role of Blood

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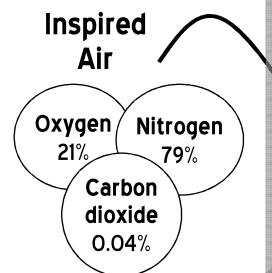
The **plasma** of the blood is what **all the other components are suspended in**. It allows the blood to move easily around the body.

The plasma ensures that **blood is able to flow** to areas where it is needed during exercise, and also plays a role in **temperature regulation**.



Composition of Inspired and Expired Air

The composition of inspired and expired (exhaled) air at rest is as follows:



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The Role of Blood

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Vascular Shunt

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Card Question:

Describe the function of white blood cells.

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Extension Question:

Explain the importance of white blood cells for athletic performance.

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Card Question:

Explain what 'shunting' during exercise means.

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Extension Question:

How does the vascular shunt contribute to athletic performance?

The Role of Blood

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The Role of Blood

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Card Question:

Describe the function of platelets.

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Extension Question:

Explain the importance of platelets for athletic performance.

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Card Question:

Describe the function of platelets.

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Extension Question:

Explain the importance of platelets for athletic performance.

Composition of Inhaled/Exhaled Air

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The Role of Blood

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Card Question:

Outline the composition of inhaled air and exhaled air at rest.

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Extension Question:

Explain why the composition of inhaled air differs from that of exhaled air.

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Card Question:

Describe the function of blood.

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Extension Question:

Explain the importance of blood for athletic performance.

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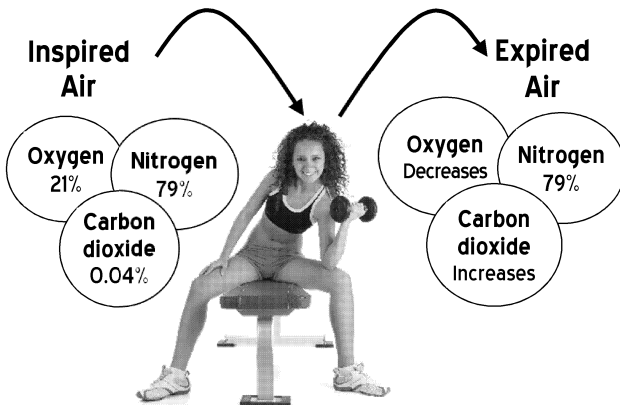
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Composition of Inhaled/Exhaled Air

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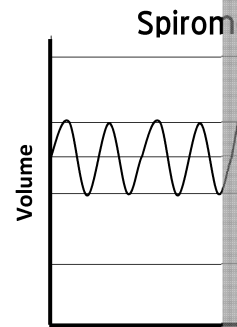
The composition of **inspired (inhaled)** air and the composition of **expired (exhaled)** air during exercise are shown below:



Vital Capacity and Tidal Volume

Tidal volume is the amount of air that moves in and out of the lungs with each normal breath.

When we exercise, this volume increases to allow more oxygen to the working muscles.

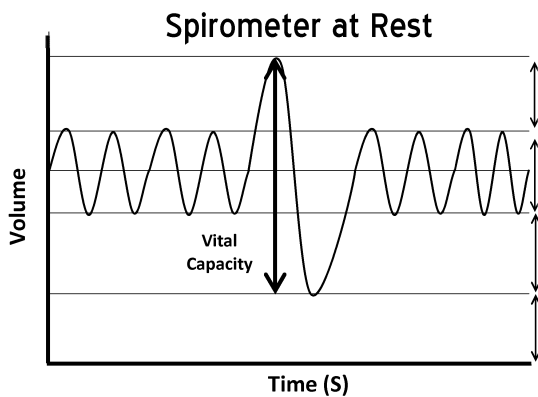


Vital Capacity and Tidal Volume

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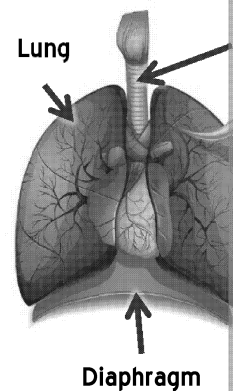
Vital capacity is the maximal volume of air that a person can expire following a maximal inspiration.

The vital capacity **does not change during exercise**.



Location of Respiratory System

The main structures of the respiratory system are shown in the diagram below:

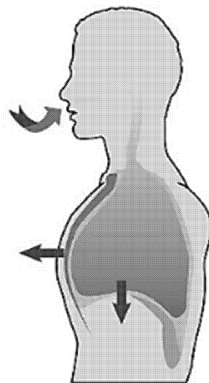


Location of Respiratory System

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Each structure of the respiratory system identified on Card 46 plays an important role in **inspiration**.

1. The intercostal muscles contract, which pulls the ribcage upwards and outwards.
2. The diaphragm contracts and flattens.
3. Movement of the intercostal muscles and diaphragm increases the volume of the lungs.
4. The increased lung volume reduces the air pressure within the lungs.
5. Air is able to move from the area of higher pressure (in the atmosphere) to the area of lower pressure (in the lungs).



Each structure of the respiratory system identified on Card 46 plays an important role in **expiration**.

1. The intercostal muscles relax, which allows the ribcage to move inward and downward.
2. The diaphragm relaxes and returns to its natural dome shape.
3. Movement of the intercostal muscles and diaphragm reduces the volume of the lungs.
4. The reduced lung volume increases the air pressure within the lungs.
5. Air is able to move from the area of higher pressure (in the lungs) to the area of lower pressure (in the atmosphere).

As the intensity of exercise increases, more muscle fibers are recruited to **increase the rate of breathing**.

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Vital Capacity and Tidal Volume

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Composition of Inhaled Air

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Card Question:

Describe what the tidal volume is a measure of.

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Extension Question:

What causes an increase in tidal volume during exercise?

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Card Question:

State whether the partial pressure of carbon dioxide is greater or less than that in inhaled air.

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Extension Question:

Explain how the partial pressure of carbon dioxide would affect the rate of diffusion of air and the composition of blood.

Location of Respiratory System

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Vital Capacity and Tidal Volume

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Card Question:

Describe the route air takes to reach the bloodstream for gaseous exchange, identifying the respiratory system features along the way.

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Extension Question:

Explain the role the nose and mouth play during respiration.

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Card Question:

Describe what the tidal volume is a measure of.

?

Extension Question:

How can an athlete increase their vital capacity?

Location of Respiratory System

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Location of Respiratory System

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Card Question:

Describe the stages of expiration.

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Extension Question:

Identify the respiratory muscles which are utilised during exercise.

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Card Question:

Describe the stages of inspiration.

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Extension Question:

How does the rate of breathing change between rest and exercise?

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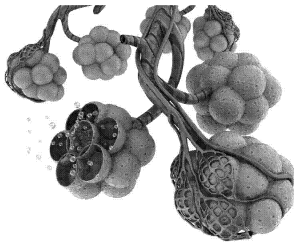
Structure of the Alveoli

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The following features of the alveoli aid their function:

Large surface area – provides a greater area for diffusion



Thin walls – reduce the diffusion distance

Blood supply – increases diffusion of gases

Capillary network – provides blood and oxygen

Short diffusion distance – increases the rate of diffusion

It is important to know how these systems are interlinked.



- Air enters the lungs and passes to the alveoli.
- Diffusion of oxygen and the carbon dioxide occurs.
- Oxygenated blood is pumped to the muscles.
- Diffusion of carbon dioxide to the alveoli occurs.
- Carbon dioxide is removed from the alveoli during expiration.

Energy: Aerobic

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Energy: Anaerobic

Aerobic energy production allows energy for muscular contractions to be produced when **oxygen can be supplied** to the working muscles. It is therefore utilised during **low-to-moderate-intensity exercise**.

It can be summarised by the following equation:
Glucose + Oxygen → Energy + Carbon dioxide + Water

Sports it is used for: It is an important energy system for long-duration events such as **marathon running** and **road cycling**, as well as for **team sports** where the majority of the event consists of jogging into position.



Food source: **Carbohydrates** and **fats** can be used as sources of energy for aerobic exercise.

Anaerobic energy production allows energy for muscular contractions to be produced when **oxygen cannot be supplied** to the working muscles. It is therefore utilised during **high-intensity exercise**.

It can be summarised by the following equation:
Glucose → Energy + Lactate

Sports it is used for: It is an important energy system for short-duration events such as **100 m sprint** and **50 m swim**, as well as for **team sports** where **sprints** are performed.

Food source: **Carbohydrates** can be used as a source of energy for anaerobic exercise.

Energy: Aerobic/Anaerobic

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Short-term Effects

Although most sporting activity can be categorised as being either aerobic or anaerobic, a lot of athletes are required to use both energy systems depending on what actions they are performing.

Team sports such as football, hockey and rugby are good examples of sports which require both aerobic and anaerobic energy production.

For example:

When a defender **sprints back to close down an attacking player** in any of these sports, they will be using the **anaerobic energy system** to support this high-intensity exercise.

When players are **jogging around the pitch in order to maintain a defensive shape**, they will be using the **aerobic energy system** to support this light-to-moderate-intensity exercise.

During exercise, and in the short-term, athletes experience the following effects:

- the production of **carbon dioxide**
- **lactate** accumulation
- **muscle fatigue** due to **lactate** accumulation
- **delayed onset of muscle soreness** (occurs 24–36 hours after exercise)

The result of this is a **reduction in the intensity of exercise** and **lactate levels are reduced**.

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Cardiovascular and Respiratory Systems 50

Structure of the

Card Question:
Explain how the cardiovascular and respiratory systems work together to allow participation in physical activity and sport.

Extension Question:
How do the cardiovascular and respiratory systems adapt to aerobic training?

Card Question:
Describe the function of the capillaries to aid the diffusion of gases.

Extension Question:
What effect does aerobic training have on the capillary network in skeletal muscle?

Energy: Aerobic 52

Energy: Aerobic

Card Question:
Describe what is meant by 'anaerobic activity' and provide an example of a sport it would be associated with.

Extension Question:
Identify different types of training that could be performed in order to improve anaerobic performance.

Card Question:
Describe what is meant by 'aerobic activity' and provide an example of a sport it would be associated with.

Extension Question:
Identify different types of training that could be performed in order to improve aerobic performance.

Short-term Effects of Exercise 54

Energy: Aerobic

Card Question:
Describe the short-term effects of exercise on the muscles.

Extension Question:
How can a cool-down be used to limit the impact of these short-term effects?

Card Question:
Explain why short-term effects of exercise occur on both energy systems.

Extension Question:
Assess how a training programme can be adapted in order to improve the efficiency of the energy systems.

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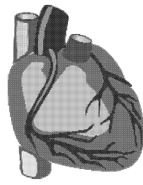


Short-term Effects of Exercise

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During exercise, and in the hours that follow, the **cardiovascular system** will experience the following effects:

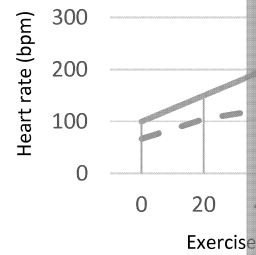
- **heart rate, stroke volume and cardiac output increase** in order to supply the working muscles with oxygen
- **vascular shunting** redirects blood to the working muscles via vasodilation and vasoconstriction
- **blood is redirected to the surface of the skin** in order to lose heat through sweat



These short-term effects ensure that adequate **oxygen is supplied to the muscles, carbon dioxide is removed** and heat is lost in order to **maintain the body's core temperature**. The **heart rate also remains elevated** following exercise in order to **repay the oxygen debt**.

Short-term Effects of Exercise

The graph below shows how heart rate changes during different intensities of exercise.



The graph shows that heart rate increases, but stroke volume remains constant at an intensity of 60% before plateauing. This results in an increase in cardiac output that increases in cardiac output as a result of increasing heart rate.

Short-term Effects of Exercise

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During exercise, and in the minutes that follow, the **respiratory system** will experience the following effects:

- increased breathing rate
- increased depth of breathing

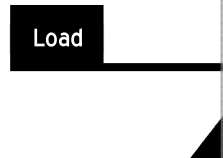
The result of this is the delivery of an adequate supply of oxygen to the working muscles during exercise.

It also repays the **oxygen debt** that occurs when anaerobic exercise occurs at the start of exercise through **excessive post-exercise oxygen consumption (EPOC)**. This ensures oxygen continues to be delivered to the muscles and lactate is removed after exercise stops.



Lever Systems

First-class levers have a fulcrum between the effort and the load.

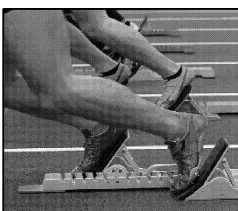
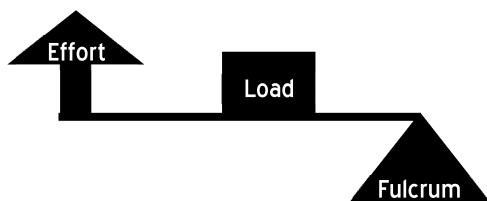


A sporting example of this class of lever is the elbow during a basketball shot, where the elbow is the fulcrum, the ball is the load and the triceps provides the effort.

Lever Systems

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Second-class levers have an orientation as shown below:



A sporting example of this class of lever is a 100 m start, where the foot acts as the fulcrum, the athlete's body weight is the load and the effort is produced by the gastrocnemius.

Lever Systems

Third-class levers have a fulcrum at the base, the effort in the middle and the load at the end.



A sporting example of this class of lever is a biceps curl where the elbow acts as the fulcrum, the biceps acts as the effort and the weight acts as the load.

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Short-term Effects of Exercise

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Short-term Effects of Exercise

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Card Question:

Explain how heart rate and stroke volume change as the intensity of exercise increases.

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Extension Question:

What impact will an athlete's resting heart rate have on their maximal cardiac output?

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Card Question:

Describe the short-term effects of exercise on the cardiovascular system.

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Extension Question:

How can a cool-down affect the impact of these changes?

Lever Systems

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Short-term Effects of Exercise

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Card Question:

Describe the positioning of the fulcrum, load and effort in a first-class lever system.

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Extension Question:

Describe another first-class lever system in sport.

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Card Question:

Describe the short-term effects of exercise on the respiratory system.

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Extension Question:

How are breathing and heart rate increased during exercise?

Lever Systems

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Lever Systems

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Card Question:

Describe the positioning of the fulcrum, load and effort in a third-class lever system.

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Extension Question:

Describe another third-class lever system used in sport.

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Card Question:

Describe the positioning of the fulcrum, load and effort in a second-class lever system.

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Extension Question:

Describe another second-class lever system used in sport.

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Mechanical Advantage/Disadvantage

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In order to understand mechanical advantage and disadvantage, it is important to understand what the effort arm and load arm of a lever are:

- Effort arm – distance between effort and fulcrum
- Load arm – distance between load and fulcrum

A mechanical **advantage** occurs when the effort arm is longer than the load arm. This allows **large loads to be moved with relatively little effort**.

A mechanical **disadvantage** occurs when the load arm is longer than the effort arm. This allows relatively **small loads to be moved quickly**.

- **First-class levers** – have either an **advantage** or a **disadvantage**
- **Second-class levers** – have a mechanical **advantage**
- **Third-class levers** – have a mechanical **disadvantage**

Movement: Plane

Movements can be performed in the following **planes**:

Sagittal plane

Passes front to back; dividing body left and right.

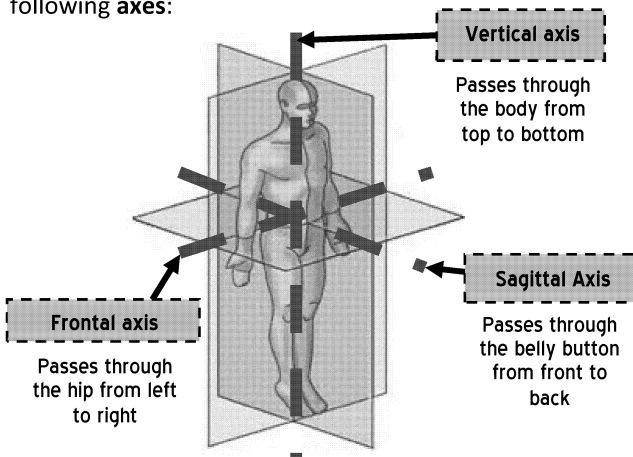
Transverse plane

Passes through centre of body; dividing body top and bottom

Movement: Axes

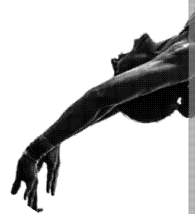
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Movements can be performed **around** one of the three following **axes**:



Movement: Analysis

A front or back somersault occurs about the **frontal axis**.



Movement: Analysis of Planes and Axes

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A cartwheel will occur in the **frontal plane** about the **sagittal axis**.



Movement: Analysis

A 360° twist will occur in the **sagittal plane** about the **vertical axis**.



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Movement: Planes

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Mechanical Advant

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Card Question:
Describe the three planes of movement.

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Extension Question:
List as many movements as you can that occur in each of the three planes.

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Movement: Analysis of Planes and Axes

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Movement: Axes

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Card Question:
Identify the plane and axis that a back somersault occurs in.

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Extension Question:
Provide another sporting example of a movement which occurs in the same plane and axis.

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Movement: Analysis of Planes and Axes

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Movement: Analysis

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Card Question:
Identify the plane and axis that a 360° twist occurs in.

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Extension Question:
Provide another sporting example of a movement which occurs in the same plane and axis.

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Health, fitness, exercise and performance are all *interlinked*.

Exercise will lead to adaptations which improve fitness.

Fitness levels will have a direct effect on performance by determining an individual's exercise capacity.

Fitness is how able you are at performing your everyday tasks.

Being unable to train due to ill health can reduce fitness levels.

Performance is how well a skill is completed.

Exercise is the performance of physical activity in any form.

Exercise improves physical, mental and social health.

Health is your physical, mental and social well-being and not just the absence of disease.

Cardiovascular fitness is determined by how well an athlete's body is able to supply oxygen to the working muscles in order to fuel aerobic exercise.

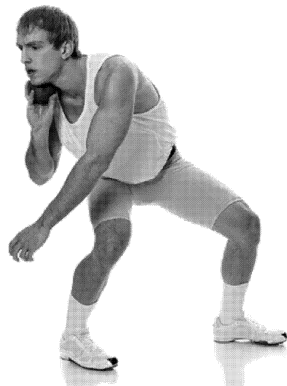
It is an important component of fitness for **endurance sports** such as open water swimming, and also for **team games** as athletes to work at low to moderate periods of time.

Fitness Components: Strength

Fitness Components: Muscular Endurance

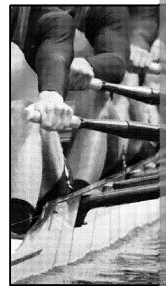
Strength is determined by how much force can be generated by the muscles in order to perform an action.

It is an important component of fitness for sports which require large amounts of force to be applied against an external object such as **weightlifting, shot-put, boxing, and long jump**.



Muscular endurance is determined by how long the muscles can repeatedly contract their fibers over time without experiencing fatigue.

It is an important component of fitness for sports such as **road cycling, marathons, and cross-country skiing**.

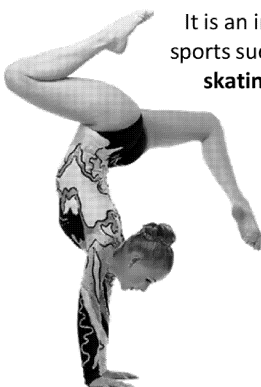


Fitness Components: Flexibility

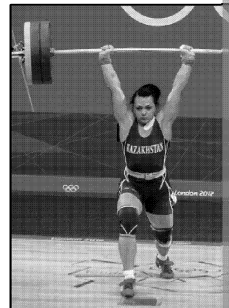
Fitness Components: Body Composition

Flexibility is determined by the range of movement that can be achieved at a joint. The more pliable an athlete's muscles and connective tissue are, the greater the range of motion that can be achieved.

It is an important component of fitness for sports such as **gymnastics, diving and figure skating** which require athletes to move their limbs into extended positions.



Body composition is the ratio of muscle and fat-free mass (e.g. the lean body mass) to total body mass.



The type of body composition that an athlete would benefit from depends on the sport that the athlete is competing in. For example, a long distance runner would benefit from having a very minimal fat mass, whereas a bodybuilder would benefit from having a higher proportion of muscle mass.

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Card Question:

Describe what cardiovascular fitness is and suggest a sport that would benefit from this component of fitness.



Extension Question:

What is the best method of training for improving cardiovascular endurance?



Card Question:

Define the terms 'fitness' and 'performance' and describe the relationships between them.



Extension Question:

What can athletes do to improve their health and performance?



Card Question:

Describe what muscular endurance is and suggest a sport that would benefit from this component of fitness.



Extension Question:

What is the best method of training for improving muscular endurance?



Card Question:

Describe what strength is and suggest a sport that would benefit from this component of fitness.



Extension Question:

Suggest how strength training can improve endurance running performance.



Card Question:

Describe what body composition is and suggest a sport that would benefit from this component of fitness.



Extension Question:

How would you go about measuring an individual's body composition?



Card Question:

Describe what flexibility is and suggest a sport that would benefit from this component of fitness.



Extension Question:

What is the best method of improving flexibility?

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Fitness Components: Agility

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Agility is determined by how quickly an athlete can alter their direction of running without losing speed.

It is an important component of fitness in sports such as **American football** where cutting actions are required in order to evade opponents.



Fitness Components: Balance

Balance is determined by the position of the centre of gravity over the base of support to maintain a stable body position.



It is an important component of fitness in sports such as **gymnastics** where a stable platform is required for many skills performed.

Fitness Components: Coordination

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Coordination is determined by how well an athlete is able to time the movement of different body sections with each other or how well they can time their movement with an external stimulus to which they must respond.

It is an important component of fitness for most sports, but it is especially important for open skills, such as those required in **tennis**, as the athlete must time their movement precisely with external objects.



Fitness Components: Power

Power is determined by the amount of forceful contraction over a short period of time.

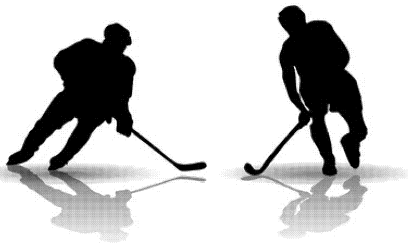


It is an important component of fitness in sports such as **basketball**, **triple jump** and **shot put**.

Fitness Components: Reaction Time

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Reaction time is determined by how quickly an athlete can respond to a stimulus.



It is an important component of fitness in open sports such as **ice hockey** where athletes must quickly respond to the movement of the ball and their opponents. It is also important in externally paced skills such as the **100 m sprint** where athletes must respond to a starting signal.

Fitness Components: Speed

Speed is determined by how quickly an athlete can cover a certain distance.



It is an important component of fitness in sports such as **sprint** where athletes require athletes to move as fast as possible. In many sports, players have to try to run faster than their opponents to give themselves time to play a skill.

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Fitness Components: Balance

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Fitness Components: Balance

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Card Question:

Describe what balance is, and suggest a sport that would benefit from this component of fitness.

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Extension Question:

Explain why balance is a fundamental skill to learn when young.

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Card Question:

Describe what a sport that would benefit from this component of fitness.

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Extension Question:

What is the best way of improving agility?

Fitness Components: Power

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Fitness Components: Power

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Card Question:

Describe what power is, and suggest a sport that would benefit from this component of fitness.

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Extension Question:

Explain how power differs from strength.

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Card Question:

Describe what a sport that would benefit from this component of fitness.

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Extension Question:

Discuss how two different activities use power differently for two different purposes.

Fitness Components: Speed

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Fitness Components: Speed

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Card Question:

Describe what speed is, and suggest a sport that would benefit from this component of fitness.

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Extension Question:

Discuss which lever systems allow the most speed when being used, and give an example of this movement.

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Card Question:

Describe what a sport that would benefit from this component of fitness.

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Extension Question:

What is the best way of improving reaction time?

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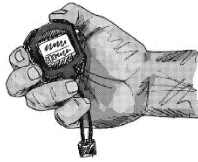
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Fitness Tests: Value of Fitness Tests

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Fitness tests are conducted in order to determine an athlete's level of fitness in relation to a specific component of fitness.



The **advantages** of doing this include:

- ↳ can identify progress
- ↳ it can be fun
- ↳ can aid goal-setting
- ↳ can base a training programme on results
- ↳ can identify strengths/weaknesses

The **disadvantages** of doing this include:

- ↳ testers need to be trained to produce valid results
- ↳ movements used in tests are often not sport specific
- ↳ tests often aren't sport specific
- ↳ lab conditions don't represent competitive conditions
- ↳ tests often use indirect measures

Fitness Tests: Harvard Step Test

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Test procedures

The Harvard step test can be used to test cardiovascular fitness.

Participants should step up and down on a bench in time with a metronome 30 times per minute for five minutes or until exhaustion. Heart rate should be measured for 30 seconds one, two and three minutes into recovery. Scores are then assessed against normative data.



Test evaluation

The **advantages**:

- ↳ Simple
- ↳ Doesn't require a tester
- ↳ Little equipment needed

The **disadvantages**:

- ↳ Trip hazard
- ↳ Harder for short people
- ↳ Dependent on motivation

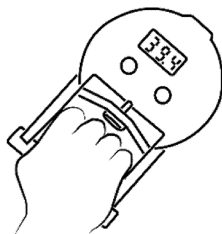
Fitness Tests: Grip Dynamometer

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Test procedures

A grip dynamometer can be used to test strength.

Participants will have three attempts to record their highest score when gripping the dynamometer as hard as possible. Scores are then assessed against normative data.



Test evaluation:

The **advantages**:

- ↳ Simple
- ↳ Comprehensive results available for comparison

The **disadvantages**:

- ↳ Forearm strength not relevant for most sports
- ↳ Large learning effect

Fitness Tests: Cooper

Test procedures

The Cooper 12-minute run can be used to test cardio

Participants have 12 minutes to run as far as they can. The distance is measured in metres travelled in 12 minutes. Scores are then assessed against normative data.

Test evaluation

The **advantages**:

- ↳ Simple
- ↳ Delivered to multiple people at once
- ↳ Can run, swim or cycle

Fitness Tests: Illinois

Test procedures

The Illinois agility run can be used to test agility.

Participants must complete the running course (set up as in the diagram to the right) as quickly as possible.

Test evaluation

The **advantages**:

- ↳ Easy to conduct
- ↳ Can be fun

Fitness Tests: One-minute

Test procedures

One-minute sit-up and press-up tests can be used to measure muscular endurance.

Participants will have one repetition of press-ups or sit-ups. Scores are then assessed against normative data.

Test evaluation:

The **advantages**:

- ↳ Simple
- ↳ Little equipment
- ↳ Test multiple people

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Fitness Tests: Cooper 12-minute Test

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Card Questions:

1. Identify the component of fitness that the Cooper 12-minute fitness test measures, and describe its procedures.
2. Explain the advantages and disadvantages of the Cooper 12-minute fitness test.

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Extension Question:

Assess the suitability of the Cooper 12-minute fitness test for:

- a rugby player
- a triathlete
- a 100 m sprinter

Fitness Tests: Val...

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Card Quest...

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Extension Q...

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are accurate an...

Fitness Tests: Illinois Agility Run Test

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Card Questions:

1. Identify which component of fitness can be tested using the Illinois agility run test, and describe the procedures of the test.
2. Explain the advantages and disadvantages of the Illinois agility run test.

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Extension Question:

Assess the suitability of the Illinois agility run test for:

- a rugby player
- a triathlete
- a netball player

Fitness Tests: Ha...

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Card Quest...

1. Identify which component of fitness can be tested using the Harvard step test, and describe the procedures of the test.
2. Explain the advantages and disadvantages of the Harvard step test.

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Extension Q...

Assess the suitability of the Harvard step test for:

- a marathon runner
- a long-distance runner
- a long-distance swimmer

Fitness Tests: One-minute Sit-up/Press-up

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Card Questions:

1. Identify which component of fitness can be tested using the one-minute sit-up/press-up test, and describe the procedures of the test.
2. Explain the advantages and disadvantages of the one-minute sit-up/press-up test.

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Extension Question:

Assess the suitability of the one-minute sit-up/press-up test for:

- a football player
- a swimmer
- a 100 m sprinter

Fitness Tests: Grip...

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Card Quest...

1. Identify which component of fitness can be tested using the grip dynamometer test, and describe the procedures of the test.
2. Explain the advantages and disadvantages of the grip dynamometer test.

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Extension Q...

Assess the suitability of the grip dynamometer test for:

- a cyclist
- a baseball player
- a weightlifter

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Fitness Tests: 30 m Sprint

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Test procedures

A 30 m sprint test can be used to test speed.

It is a simple test which requires participants to sprint 30 metres in the shortest time possible. Scores are then assessed against normative data.



Test evaluation:

The **advantages:**

- ↻ Simple
- ↻ Little equipment
- ↻ Not time-consuming

The **disadvantages:**

- ⚠ Affected by surface conditions
- ⚠ Dependent on accuracy of timing device

Fitness Tests: Sit-and-reach Test

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Test procedures

The sit-and-reach test can be used to measure flexibility.

Participants sit with their legs outstretched against a sit-and-reach box. They then lean forwards and extend their hands as far onto the box as possible. The distance from the edge of the box is measured to provide a score of flexibility. Scores are then assessed against normative data.



Test evaluation:

The **advantages:**

- ↻ Simple
- ↻ Not time-consuming
- ↻ Comprehensive results available for comparison

The **disadvantages:**

- ⚠ Limited application to most sports
- ⚠ Affected by limb length

Principles of Training

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Individual needs

It is important that athletes and their coaches take their individual needs into consideration when planning a training programme.

Individual needs include:

- age
- gender
- fitness level
- free time
- specific goals
- health



Fitness Tests: Vertical Jump

Test procedures

The vertical jump test can be used to test power.

The height of the participant is measured. They then perform a vertical jump to the highest point they reach. The difference between the two measurements provides a score. Scores are then assessed against normative data.

Test evaluation:

The **advantages:**

- ↻ Simple
- ↻ Not time-consuming

Data Collection and Analysis

Fitness test scores can be compared to normative data which are average scores for a group of people.

The example below shows how the sit-and-reach test can be used to compare the participant's fitness level to normative data.

Participant's gender: Male

Participant's age: 16

Participant's score: 12.3 cm

Normative data:

Excellent	Above average
>14	14.0–11.0

Evaluation: The participant's score is below the normative data for flexibility.

Principles of Training

Training should be made specific to the sport the participant is involved in. This is because different sports place different demands on the body which require different training methods.

For example, a football player would benefit from training in a manner which includes periods of high- and low-intensity. The player should also focus on practical skills which will be required to perform tasks such as shooting and tackling.

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Card Questions:

1. Identify which component of fitness can be tested using the vertical jump test, and describe the procedures of the test.
2. Explain the advantages and disadvantages of the vertical jump test.

Extension Question:
Assess the suitability of the vertical jump test for:

- a rugby player
- a triple jumper
- a shot-putter

Card Question:

1. Identify which component of fitness can be tested using the 30 m sprint test, and describe the procedures of the test.
2. Explain the advantages and disadvantages of the 30 m sprint test.

Extension Question:
Assess the suitability of the 30 m sprint test for:

- a hockey player
- a 50 m swimmer
- an 800 m runner

Card Question:
Explain the use of normative fitness test data.

Extension Question:
Evaluate the usefulness of normative data.

Card Question:

1. Identify which component of fitness can be tested using the sit-and-stand test, and describe the procedures of the test.
2. Explain the advantages and disadvantages of the sit-and-stand test.

Extension Question:
Assess the suitability of the sit-and-stand test for:

- a marathon runner
- a gymnast
- a diver

Card Question:
Explain the following principle of training: specificity.

Extension Question:
How can a coach ensure that specificity is achieved in their training programme?

Card Question:
Describe what is meant by individual differences when planning a training programme.

Extension Question:
For each individual, describe how individual differences affect an athlete's response to training.

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Progressive Overload

As the athlete's body adapts to the training loads being placed upon it, training loads need to be increased in order to stress the body.

Overload can be achieved by adapting one or more of the following:

F requency	the number of training sessions performed each week (e.g. how often)
I ntensity	the amount of work performed in each training session (e.g. how hard)
T ime	the amount of time each training session lasts (e.g. how long)
T ype	the form of exercise performed in each training session (e.g. how to train)

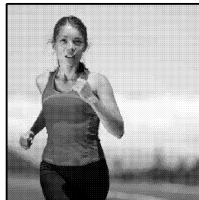
Reversibility

It is important that athletes maintain a consistent training programme as any prolonged period of inactivity will result in training adaptations being lost.



Taking a holiday in the middle of the season or having time off due to injury or illness are examples of factors which could lead to fitness gains being lost.

Continuous training involves prolonged periods of exercise at a constant intensity which helps **endurance athletes** like you to improve your **cardiovascular and muscular endurance**.



But I've heard the **disadvantages** are:

- it can become boring
- it takes up a lot of time
- it can't improve anaerobic fitness



That's true, but the **advantages** are:

- + it requires little equipment
- + it is easy to perform
- + it can be done individually or in a group

Fartlek training involves prolonged exercise at different intensities due to changes in terrain which will help **endurance athletes** like you improve your **cardiovascular and muscular endurance**.

But I've heard the **disadvantages** are:

- it can be boring
- it can be hard to track progress
- it can be easier to put off



That's true, but the **advantages** are:

- + it can be made more interesting
- + changes in intensity help prevent boredom
- + it can be performed in a variety of settings

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Card Question:

Explain the following principle of training: overtraining.

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Extension Question:

How can a coach ensure that overtraining is avoided in their training programme?

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Card Question:

Explain the following principle of training: progressive overload.

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Extension Question:

How can a coach ensure that training overload is avoided?

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Card Question:

How can you work out the aerobic and anaerobic training thresholds?

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Extension Question:

Calculate your own aerobic and anaerobic training thresholds.

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Card Question:

Explain the following principle of training: Reversibility.

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Extension Question:

How can a coach ensure that training overload is avoided?

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Card Question:

Describe fartlek training, and explain which components of fitness it can be used to train.

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Extension Question:

Identify examples of athletes who would benefit from this form of training.

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Card Question:

Describe continuous training and explain its components of fitness.

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Extension Question:

Identify examples of athletes who would benefit from this form of training.

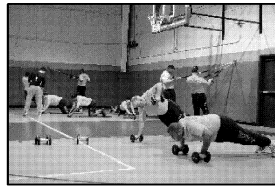
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Training Methods: Circuit

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Circuit training involves a range of different exercises being performed at different stations, which will help athletes like you who perform a range of sports as it can be used to train **all fitness components**.



But I've heard the **disadvantages** are:

- it requires a lot of equipment
- set-up is time-consuming



That's true, but the **advantages** are:

- + it can be made specific for a range of sports
- + it is easy to monitor progress
- + it is easy to ensure progressive overload occurs
- + it can train all fitness components



Training Methods

Interval training involves periods of high-intensity work interspersed with periods of low-intensity work or recovery, which will help **endurance athletes** like you to improve your **cardiovascular and muscular endurance**.

But I've heard the **disadvantages** are:

- it is not appropriate for everyone
- it requires high levels of fitness



That's true, but

- + it can be performed with much less equipment
- + it can be done in a variety of settings

Training Methods: Plyometrics

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Plyometric training involves the performance of an eccentric contraction followed by a larger concentric contraction. It will help athletes such as **rugby players** develop **power**.



But I've heard the **disadvantages** are:

- it can lead to injury if technique is poor
- must have high levels of strength and muscular endurance



That's true, but the **advantages** are:

- + it requires little equipment
- + it requires little assistance



Training Methods

Weight training involves lifting a weight. It will help athletes such as **boxers** who are required to perform forceful movements by improving **strength, power and muscular endurance**.

But I've heard the **disadvantages** are:

- it requires specialised equipment
- injury can occur if a person is not properly supervised



That's true, but

- + it is fairly easy to learn
- + it is easy to do at home
- + it requires little equipment

Training Methods: Body Pump

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Body pump involves lifting weight in time with music in order to improve **cardiovascular fitness, strength and muscular endurance**.

The **advantages**:

- ↳ It can be fun to perform
- ↳ It is easy to perform
- ↳ Having an instructor can provide motivation
- ↳ Music can be energising

The **disadvantages**:

- ↳ It requires an instructor
- ↳ It requires access to a fitness studio and a range of equipment such as steps

Training Methods

Aerobics involves performing exercises in time with music in order to improve **cardiovascular fitness and muscular endurance**.

The **advantages**:

- ↳ It can be fun to perform
- ↳ It can be done on land or in water
- ↳ It requires minimal equipment
- ↳ Having an instructor can provide motivation
- ↳ Music can be energising

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Training Methods: Interval

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Training Methods

? **Card Question:**
Describe interval training, and explain which components of fitness it can be used to train.

? **Extension Question:**
Identify examples of athletes who would benefit from this form of training.

? **Card Question:**
Describe circuit training, and explain which components of fitness it can be used to train.

? **Extension Question:**
Identify examples of athletes who would benefit from this form of training.

Training Methods: Weight Resistance

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Training Methods

? **Card Question:**
Describe weight training, and explain which components of fitness it can be used to train.

? **Extension Question:**
Identify examples of athletes who would benefit from this form of training.

? **Card Question:**
Describe plyometric training, and explain which components of fitness it can be used to train.

? **Extension Question:**
Identify examples of athletes who would benefit from this form of training.

Training Methods: Aerobics

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Training Methods

? **Card Question:**
Describe aerobic training, and explain which components of fitness it can be used to train.

? **Extension Question:**
Identify examples of athletes who would benefit from this form of training.

? **Card Question:**
Describe body pump training, and explain which components of fitness it can be used to train.

? **Extension Question:**
Identify examples of athletes who would benefit from this form of training.

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Training Methods: Pilates

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Pilates involves performing a range of exercises in a controlled manner in order to improve **strength, balance** and **coordination**.

The advantages:

- ↳ It improves movement control
- ↳ It reduces the risk of injury
- ↳ It improves muscular control which is important for all skills

The disadvantages:

- ↳ It usually requires an instructor
- ↳ It can provide a lack of stimulation due to controlled nature

Training Method

Yoga involves performing a range of exercises in order to improve **flexibility, balance** and **coordination**.

The advantages:

- ↳ It provides psychological benefits such as reduced stress levels
- ↳ It is ideal for participants who don't like maximum physical exertion
- ↳ It can improve performance in all forms of exercise
- ↳ It can reduce the risk of injury

Training Methods: Spinning

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Spinning involves performing high-intensity cycling in order to improve cardiovascular **fitness, muscular endurance, power** and **speed**.

The advantages:

- ↳ It improves both aerobic and anaerobic fitness
- ↳ It can be stimulating

The disadvantages:

- ↳ It usually requires an instructor
- ↳ It requires a lot of motivation
- ↳ It is not appropriate for those with health issues

Long-term Effects

Regular aerobic and anaerobic training leads to adaptations to the **muscular and respiratory** systems.

Improvements to all of the above lead to an athlete's potential to train for **longer durations**.

However, in order to achieve these improvements, it is important that athletes rest between exercise sessions.

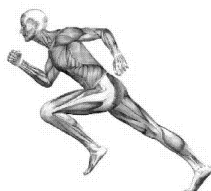
When participants first start training, the recovery time required for recovery will be longer than their recovery times will be after regular training.

Long-term Effects of Training

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The long-term training effects on the **muscular system** include:

- **increased strength** – can improve performance in strength-based sports and increase the intensity of work
- **hypertrophy** – can improve sporting performance
- altered **body shape** due to increased muscle mass
- improved **muscular endurance** – can improve ability to train for longer durations
- increased **speed** and **reaction time** – can improve performance in sports such as basketball which require fast movements
- increased **pliability** and **strength** of the muscles and connective tissue – improves performance and reduces risk of soft tissue injuries



Long-term Effects

The long-term training effects on the **skeletal system** include:

- **increased bone density** – reduced risk of fracture
- **increased bone remodeling** – increases bone strength and reduces risk of fracture
- **regular loading reduces risk of osteoporosis** (condition that reduces density and quality of bone) – improves quality of life, particularly in old age

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Training Methods: Yoga

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Training Methods

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Card Question:

Describe yoga and explain which components of fitness it can be used to train.

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Extension Question:

Identify examples of athletes who would benefit from this form of training.

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Card Question:

Describe Pilates and explain which components of fitness it can be used to train.

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Extension Question:

Identify examples of athletes who would benefit from this form of training.

Long-term Effects of Training

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Training Methods

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Card Question:

Explain the impact of adaptations to training and the importance of recovery in order for adaptation to occur.

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Extension Question:

How will recovery times be affected by the type and intensity of training performed?

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Card Question:

Describe spinning and explain which components of fitness it can be used to train.

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Extension Question:

Identify examples of athletes who would benefit from this form of training.

Long-term Effects of Training

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Long-term Effects of Training

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Card Question:

Identify the long-term effects of training on the skeletal system, and explain how they lead to improved performance.

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Extension Question:

What types of activity will lead to the greatest skeletal adaptations?

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Card Question:

Identify the long-term effects of training on the muscular system, and explain how they lead to improved performance.

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Extension Question:

How can an athlete use training to aid muscular adaptations?

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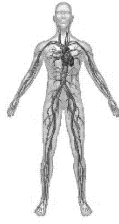


Long-term Effects of Training

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The long-term training effects on the **cardiovascular system** include:

- **cardiac hypertrophy and increased cardiac strength** – increased stroke volume and cardiac output
- **increased stroke volume and bradycardia (reduced heart rate)** – reduces the strain placed on the heart
- **greater maximal cardiac output** – increased aerobic exercise performance
- **increased elasticity of blood vessel walls** – maintains blood pressure and improves oxygen supply to muscles
- **reduced resting blood pressure** – reduces strain on the heart
- **increased red blood cell count** – improves aerobic capacity through increased oxygen supply
- **increased capillarisation** – improves gas exchange



Long-term Effects of Training

The long-term training effects on the **respiratory system** include:

- increased **vital capacity**
- increased strength of **diaphragm** – air can be drawn in more easily
- increased **alveoli density**
- increased **lung volume** – allows an athlete to breathe in oxygen and carbon dioxide more easily while exercising.



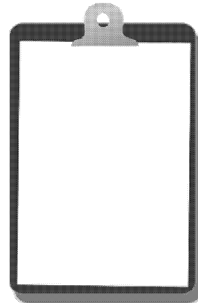
PAR-Q

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A PAR-Q is a form which should be completed prior to taking part in an exercise programme in order to determine whether it is safe to do so.

The form contains questions about:

- personal information, e.g. age, gender and name
- medical history, i.e. previous/current conditions
- current lifestyle, e.g. amount of exercise performed and alcohol consumed



If the participant has experienced any of the medical conditions outlined on the PAR-Q, they will need to seek medical advice and be cleared to participate by a medical professional.

Injury Prevention

There are a number of methods used to prevent injury to an athlete:

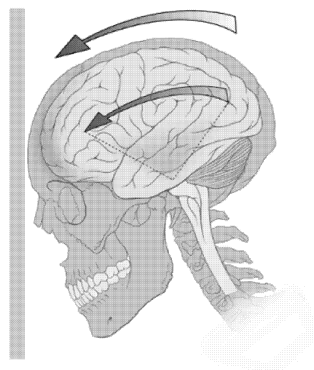
Method
Use the principles of training
Play within the rules
Wear protective clothing
Wear bracing
Check facilities and equipment
Perform a warm-up
Perform a cool-down

Injuries: Concussion

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Concussion is a brief loss of consciousness and confusion caused by contact to the head.

The symptoms usually include **nausea, memory loss and blurred vision**, but these effects are usually not long-lasting. However, athletes should receive medical attention if they are thought to have a concussion and they should take a rest from sporting involvement until cleared to play by a medical professional.



Injuries: Fractures

Fractures are breaks in the bone which can be caused by a sudden impact, long-term wear or overuse.

Fractures can be 'open' or 'closed'.

- An **open fracture** is characterised by the **bone breaking through the surface of the skin**.
- A **closed fracture** does not **penetrate the skin**.

Medical attention should be sought if an athlete suspects that they have fractured a bone.

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Long-term Effects of Training

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Long-term Effects of Training

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Card Question:

Identify the long-term effects of training on the respiratory system, and explain how they lead to improved performance.

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Extension Question:

What types of activity will lead to the greatest respiratory adaptations?

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Card Question:

Identify the long-term effects of training on the cardiovascular system, and explain how they lead to improved performance.

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Extension Question:

How do these adaptations reduce the risk of developing chronic diseases?

Injury Prevention

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PAR-Q

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Card Question:

Identify seven methods that can be used to reduce the risk of injury, and explain how they reduce the risk.

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Extension Question:

Provide a sporting example of how each method of injury risk reduction could be implemented.

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Card Question:

What is a PAR-Q and why should it contain seven questions?

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Extension Question:

What personal factors should you be having to seek medical advice before taking part in physical activity?

Injuries: Fractures

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Injuries: Concussions

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Card Question:

Describe the different types of fracture.

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Extension Question:

What is the correct procedure for treating a fracture?

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Card Question:

Describe concussions.

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Extension Question:

What is the correct procedure for treating a concussion?

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Injuries: Dislocation

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Dislocation is the movement of a bone from the position within a joint in which it is normally held.

A dislocation usually occurs as a result of a direct impact, e.g. when being tackled by an opponent in rugby.

This type of injury can be extremely painful and medical attention will be required in order to realign the bone with the joint.

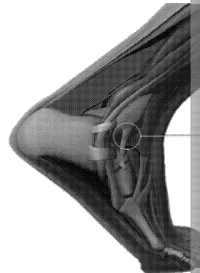


Injuries: Sprain

A **sprain** is a muscle injury slightly torn.

This type of injury usually occurs during sudden motion, e.g. twisting the ankle.

It will result in swelling and pain, which is often painful and limits the athlete's movement.



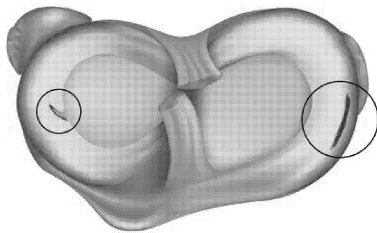
Injuries: Torn Cartilage

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Torn cartilage occurs when the cartilage surrounding a joint is stretched during movement.

It is often brought about by a sudden twist or as a result of osteoarthritis.

Medical attention is required and sometimes surgery will be needed in order to repair the cartilage and restore stability at the joint.



Injuries: Soft Tissue

Soft tissue injuries are those involving muscles, ligaments, tendons, cartilage and other soft tissue. Common soft tissue injuries in sport include:

- **Strain** – overstretching of a muscle or tendon which results in pain and limited movement.
- **Tennis elbow** – an overuse injury causing inflammation of the muscles on the outside of the elbow.
- **Golfer's elbow** – an overuse injury causing inflammation of the muscles on the inside of the elbow.
- **Abrasion** – damage to the skin caused by friction when the skin rubs against a rough surface.

RICE

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The following steps are used to treat soft tissue injuries:

- R** **Rest** is required in order to reduce the load placed on the injured part of the body and ensure no further damage occurs.
- I** **Ice** can be pressed against the injured area in order to reduce swelling.
- C** **Compression** should be used to reduce internal bleeding and swelling by wrapping the injured area.
- E** **Elevation** of the injured area will prevent blood from pooling and, therefore, reduce swelling.



PEDs: Anabolic Steroids

Anabolic steroids are sometimes used to improve strength performance.

Advantages

- + Increased muscle mass
- + Increased strength
- + Improved recovery

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Injuries: Sprain

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Card Question:

Describe what a sprain is.



Extension Question:

What is the correct procedure for treating a sprain?

Injuries: Dislocation



Card Question:

Describe what is



Extension Question:

What is the correct procedure for treating a dislocation?

Injuries: Soft Tissue Injuries

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Card Question:

Identify four types of soft tissue injury and describe each one.



Extension Question:

Describe how the risk of suffering from these soft tissue injuries can be reduced.

Injuries: Torn Cartilage



Card Question:

Explain what cartilage is.



Extension Question:

What is the correct procedure for treating a torn cartilage?

PEDs: Anabolic Steroids

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Card Question:

Assess the advantages and disadvantages of using anabolic steroids.



Extension Question:

Think of more examples of athletes who would benefit from the use of anabolic steroids.

RICE



Card Question:

Describe the RICE treatment for soft tissue injuries.



Extension Question:

Explain the effects of cardiovascular system treatments of soft tissue injuries.

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PEDs: Beta Blockers

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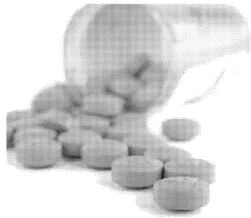
Beta blockers are sometimes used by athletes such as snooker players who need to control their movements.

Advantages

- + Improved fine motor control
- + Reduced arousal
- + Reduced anxiety

Disadvantages

- Reduced heart rate can lead to a heart attack
- Dizziness due to reduced oxygen supply and low blood pressure
- Disturbed sleep which can lead to irritability and lack of rest



PEDs: Narcotic Analgesics

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Narcotic analgesics are sometimes used by injured athletes who feel the need to keep competing.

Advantages

- + Mask pain from injury
- + Can train when injured
- + Can train harder

Disadvantages

- Can lead to addiction
- Can lead to overtraining
- Previous injuries can be made worse without the athlete realising
- Sickness
- Balance issues



PEDs: Erythropoietin

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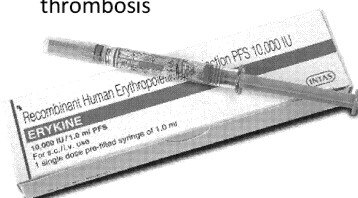
Erythropoietin is sometimes used by endurance athletes such as marathon runners.

Advantages

- + Increased oxygen-carrying capacity of the blood
- + Improved aerobic performance

Disadvantages

- Risk of heart disease
- Risk of stroke
- Risk of infection
- Risk of deep-vein thrombosis



PEDs: Diuretics

Diuretics are sometimes used by athletes who need to weigh-in before a competition.

Advantages

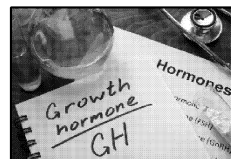
- + Weight loss which allows athletes to make a weight class
- + Helps athletes hide the use of other drugs

PEDs: Growth Hormone

Growth hormones are sometimes used by athletes to improve strength performance.

Advantages

- + Increased muscle mass
- + Increased strength
- + Improved recovery



PEDs: Stimulants

Stimulants are sometimes used by athletes who are focused or have quick reactions.

Advantages

- + Increased energy for performance
- + Can exercise for a longer duration
- + Can exercise at a higher intensity

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PEDs: Diuretics

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PEDs: Beta Block

? **Card Question:**
Assess the advantages and disadvantages of using diuretics.

? **Extension Question:**
Think of more examples of athletes who would benefit from the use of diuretics.

? **Card Question:**
Assess the advantages and disadvantages of using beta blockers.

? **Extension Question:**
Think of more examples of athletes who would benefit from the use of beta blockers.

PEDs: Growth Hormone

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PEDs: Narcotic A

? **Card Question:**
Assess the advantages and disadvantages of using growth hormones.

? **Extension Question:**
Think of more examples of athletes who would benefit from the use of growth hormones.

? **Card Question:**
Assess the advantages and disadvantages of using narcotic analgesics.

? **Extension Question:**
Think of more examples of athletes who would benefit from the use of narcotic analgesics.

PEDs: Stimulants

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PEDs: Erythropo

? **Card Question:**
Assess the advantages and disadvantages of using stimulants.

? **Extension Question:**
Think of more examples of athletes who would benefit from the use of stimulants.

? **Card Question:**
Assess the advantages and disadvantages of using erythropoietin.

? **Extension Question:**
Think of more examples of athletes who would benefit from the use of erythropoietin.

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PEDs: Blood Doping

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Warm-ups

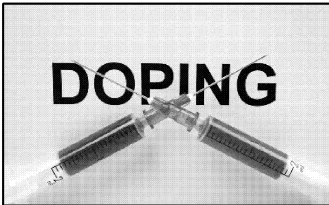
Blood doping is a method sometimes used by endurance athletes such as road cyclists.

Advantages

- + Increased oxygen-carrying capacity of the blood
- + Improved aerobic performance

Disadvantages

- Risk of infection
- Risk of heart disease
- Risk of stroke due to blood pooling or clotting
- Risk of allergic reaction



A **warm-up** is performed before physical activity in order to prepare the body and reduce the risk of injury occurring.

There are four steps to performing an effective warm-up:

1. **Pulse-raising activity** – e.g. light jogging. This will raise heart rate by performing low-intensity activity on a stationary bike.
2. **Stretching** – e.g. static stretching. This will be used in the form of a mixture of static and dynamic stretching.
3. **Skill practice** – e.g. practice drills. This will be required to prepare the body for the specific activity.
4. **Mental preparation** – e.g. visualization. This involves using mental techniques to reduce anxiety and increase focus.

Cool-downs

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A cool-down is performed after the main period of physical activity in order to gradually return the body to a resting state and speed up recovery.

There are three steps to performing an effective cool-down:

1. **Maintain heart rate** – e.g. continuing to run for five minutes after a football match
2. **Reduce activity level** – e.g. slowing down activity level to a walk to slowly bring heart rate down
3. **Stretching** – e.g. stretching out the muscles that were used during the activity in order to reduce muscle soreness



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 Describe the components of an effective warm-up.

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Extension Question:
 Explain the benefit of warming up for optimal performance in a sport of your choice.

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