



## IMPACT OF CIRCUIT WEIGHT TRAINING ON SELECTED PHYSICAL AND PHYSIOLOGICAL PARAMETERS OF VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS

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### Abstract:

The purpose of the study was to find out the effect of circuit weight training on selected physical and physiological parameters of volleyball players. To achieve this purpose of this study, thirty-five men volleyball specialization students from Meenatchi Physical Education College, Thathanur. Tamil Nadu, India during the year 2013-14 were selected as subjects and their age ranged between 18 to 22 years. They were divided into two equal groups of fifteen subjects in each group, in which group - I circuit weight training and group - II acted as control. The selected dependent variables such as muscular endurance, explosive power, resting pulse rate and breath holding time were tested by using standard tests and procedures. The analysis of covariance (ANCOVA) was used to analyse the significant differences among groups. The level of confidence was fixed to test the significance is .05 level. The results of the study reveals that due to the impact of circuit weight training on selected physical and physiological parameters of volleyball players have significantly altered.

**Key Words:** Circuit Weight Training, Physical and Physiological Parameters

### Introduction:

Sportsmen and women must participate in year round conditioning programs to have the utmost efficiency, consistent improvement and balanced abilities. For that they must put their bodies under a certain amount of stress to increase physical capabilities. Physical exercise is extremely important for maintaining physical fitness including healthy weight; building and maintaining healthy bones, muscles, and joints; promoting physiological well-being; and strengthening the immune system. To improve or maintain a desired level of physical fitness, there is a need to constantly administer an adequate training intensity while exercising. Circuit weight training is one of the effective means to improve all round physical and cardiovascular fitness.

Circuit training is a form of exercise that uses a number of weight training exercise sets separated by short intervals. In the original format, 9 to 12 stations comprised the circuit. This number may vary according to the design of the program. This type of training is an excellent choice for developing general, all round physical and cardiovascular fitness. Generally, a good circuit training programme will involve each muscle group getting worked by several different exercises. The number of exercises per muscle group depends on the training effect to be achieved, the desired volume of work to be completed during a training session, the desired intensity of effort and the structure of the programme.

Circuit training enhances both muscular strength and endurance. While resistance training targets strength, short rest periods and numerous repetitions focus on muscular endurance--your ability to perform an activity over time without becoming too tired. Usually, circuit training provides a great introduction for those with limited weightlifting experience. According to the American Council on Exercise, athletes involved in rowing, kayaking, tennis or volleyball can improve sport performance with circuit training (Zatsiorsky and Kraemer, 2006).

### Methodology:

#### Subjects and Variables:

For the purpose of this study, thirty male volleyball specialization students of Meenatchi Physical Education College in the age group of 18 to 22 years were recruited, with their consent. All of them were healthy, nonsmoking and with a negative medical history. The selected subjects were randomly assigned to both circuit resistance training and control groups of 15 each. The selected dependent variables were assessed by using standard tests and procedures, before and after the training regimen. The instruments used for testing the dependent variables were standard and reliable as they were purchased from the reputed companies. The variables and tests used are presented in table-1.

Table 1: Dependent Variables and Test

| S.No | Variables            | Tests / Instruments    | Unit of Measurement |
|------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1.   | Explosive Power      | Sargeant Vertical Jump | Centimetres         |
| 2.   | Muscular Endurance   | Bent Knee Sit-ups      | Counts              |
| 3.   | Breathe Holding Time | Manual Method          | Seconds             |
| 4.   | Resting Pulse Rate   | Blood Pressure Monitor | Counts              |

### Experimental Design and Statistical Procedure:

The experimental design used for the present investigation was random group design involving thirty subjects for training effect. Analysis of covariance (ANCOVA) was used as a statistical technique to determine the significant difference, if any, existing between pretest and posttest data on selected dependent variables. The level of significance was accepted at  $P < 0.05$ .

### Training Programme:

During the training period, the experimental group underwent circuit weight training for three days per week (alternative days) for eight weeks. Every day the workout lasted for 45 to 60 minutes approximately including warming up and warming down periods. In the circuit weight training regimens, a series of eight exercise stations were formed. The subjects moved from one station to another, by jogging. The number of repetition for each exercises varied from ten to sixteen. The number of circuits varied between two-and-three for eight weeks, with a recovery interval of five minutes was given between circuits. The number of repetition was progressively increased once in two weeks. Group-II acted as control who did not participate in any strenuous physical exercises and specific training throughout the training period. However, they performed activities as per their curriculum.

### Results:

The descriptive analysis of data collected from the experimental and control groups on selected physical and physiological variables before and after eight weeks of circuit weight training is presented in table-2.

Table 2: Computation of Mean and Standard Deviation on Selected Physical and Physiological Variables

| Variables            | Groups       | Pretest   |          | Posttest  |          |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
|                      |              | $\bar{X}$ | $\sigma$ | $\bar{X}$ | $\sigma$ |
| Explosive Power      | Experimental | 33.07     | 4.99     | 37.26     | 4.60     |
|                      | Control      | 32.73     | 3.17     | 33.02     | 4.09     |
| Muscular Endurance   | Experimental | 20.78     | 3.90     | 24.47     | 2.85     |
|                      | Control      | 21.47     | 3.27     | 21.83     | 2.92     |
| Breathe Holding Time | Experimental | 38.57     | 2.70     | 40.87     | 2.65     |
|                      | Control      | 39.07     | 2.91     | 38.94     | 2.90     |
| Resting Pulse Rate   | Experimental | 74.03     | 3.27     | 71.14     | 1.76     |
|                      | Control      | 74.63     | 2.15     | 74.16     | 1.46     |

Analysis of covariance (ANCOVA) was used to determine the significant impact of circuit weight training on selected physical and physiological variables and it is presented in table 3.

Table 3: Analysis of Covariance on Selected Physical and Physiological Variables of Circuit Weight Training and Control Groups

| Variables            | Groups       | Adjusted Mean | SOV | Sum of Squares | DF | Mean Square | 'F' ratio |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------|-----|----------------|----|-------------|-----------|
| Explosive Power      | Experimental | 52.70         | B   | 156.95         | 1  | 156.95      | 38.41*    |
|                      | Control      | 48.11         | W   | 110.32         | 27 | 4.09        |           |
| Muscular Endurance   | Experimental | 31.75         | B   | 157.21         | 1  | 157.21      | 95.79*    |
|                      | Control      | 27.11         | W   | 44.31          | 27 | 1.64        |           |
| Breathe Holding Time | Experimental | 47.35         | B   | 20.11          | 1  | 20.11       | 25.51*    |
|                      | Control      | 45.71         | W   | 21.28          | 27 | 0.79        |           |
| Resting Pulse Rate   | Experimental | 62.74         | B   | 64.03          | 1  | 64.03       | 31.30*    |
|                      | Control      | 65.66         | W   | 55.23          | 27 | 2.05        |           |

Required table value for significance at 0.05 level of confidence for df of 1 and 27 is 4.21

\* Significant at 0.05 level.

The findings of the study shows that significant difference existing between circuit weight training and control group on explosive power, muscular endurance, breathe holding time and resting pulse rate, since the obtained 'F' ratio of 38.41, 95.79, 25.51 and 31.30 respectively were greater than the required table value of 4.21 for significance at 0.05 level of confidence for df of 1 and 27. The findings of the study shows that eight weeks of circuit weight training had a influence of 13.42% on explosive power, 21.38% on muscular endurance, 5.18% on breathe holding time, and 5.23% on resting pulse rate.

### Discussion:

The results of the study reveals that due to the impact of circuit weight training selected physical and physiological parameters of volleyball players have significantly altered. The results of the present study are also in line with the observation by Alcaraz and others (2008) that heavy-resistance circuit training may be an effective training strategy for the promotion of both strength and cardiovascular adaptations. Dorgo and others (2009) was observed significant improvements in muscular strength and muscular endurance of the manual resistance training and weight resistance training groups.

Kaikkonen and others(2000) observed significant improvement on cardiovascular and muscular fitness due to the effect of a 12-week low resistance circuit weight training. Gettman and others (1978) conducted a study to determine the changes elicited by circuit weight training and running (RN) programs conducted 3 days per week for 20 weeks. It was concluded that the circuit weight training program was most specific in improving strength. A reduction in heart rate from resistance training is considered favorable (Stone et al., 1991). Knicker (1997) examined the effects of external resistance on sprinting mechanics and found that even small resistance loads could result in considerable changes in kinematics and coordination of muscular activity.

It appears that regular participation in physical exercises initiate a disruption in systemic homoeostasis, which is followed by an adaptive phase results in the betterment of the performance of explosive power, muscular endurance, and breathe holding time, and a reduction in resting pulse rate, which might be due to the progressive loading of intensity.

**Conclusion:**

The results of the study reveals that due to the impact of circuit weight training on selected physical fitness components such as explosive power and muscular endurance and physiological parameters namely breath holding time and resting pulse rate of volleyball players have significantly altered.

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