# EFFECT OF MINI HURDLES TRAINING WITH AND WITHOUT AEROBIC TRAINING ON EXPLOSIVE POWER OF FIELD HOCKEY PLAYERS

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## **ABSTRACT**

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**KEY WORDS:** Mini Hurdles, Aerobic, Explosive power, Hockey.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Hurdles force the legs to utilize correct running form and adapt to faster stride patterns. The 12" Hurdles are best for enforcing the correct biomechanics of linear running. They "teach" in a way words can't. One will learn the important technique of driving the knee up, while keeping the toe close to the opposite knee and the heel close to the hamstring in the recovery phase. Performance Hurdles also train one to fire the foreleg down in a wheeling (like riding a bike) motion and to stay in a "hips tall" running position (Ferley et al. 2013). Aerobics is a good way to decrease our percentage of body fat and to attain the other metabolic benefits of fitness. Aerobics is also a very good way to develop musculo skeletal fitness while building strength, flexibility and coordination (Burgess et al. 2006).

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#### METHODOLOGY

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**RESULTS** 

TABLE - I

COMPUTATION OF ANALYSIS OF COVARIANCE OF MEAN OF MINI HURDLES TRAINING WITH AND WITHOUT AEROBIC TRAINING AND CONTROL GROUPS ON EXPLOSIVE POWER VERTICAL

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	MHTWATG	MHTWOATG	CG	Source of Variance	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	'F' ratio
Pre - Test Mean	0.19	0.19	0.19	Between Sets	0.0001	2	0.0001	0.030
				Within Sets	0.012	42	0.0001	
Post - Test Mean	0.25	0.22	0.20	Between Sets	0.022	2	0.011	30.069*
				Within Sets	0.015	42	0.0001	
Adjusted Post -	0.25	0.22	0.20	Between Sets	0.022	2	0.011	29.907*
Test Mean	0.25	0.22	0.20	Within Sets	0.015	41	0.0001	

An examination of table – I indicated that the pre test means of mini hurdles training with aerobic training, mini hurdles training without aerobic training and control groups were 0.19, 0.19 and 0.19 respectively. The 'F'- value observed for the pre-test was 0.030. It failed to reach the critical ratio of 3.22 for the degree of freedom 2 and 42 at 0.05 level of confidence. Based on the results it was conformed that the mean differences among the groups of mini hurdles training with aerobic training, mini hurdles training without aerobic training and control groups on explosive power vertical before start of the respective treatments were found to be insignificant. Thus this analysis confirms that the random assignment of subjects into three groups were successful. The post-test means of the mini hurdles training with aerobic training, mini hurdles training without aerobic training and control groups were 0.25, 0.22 and 0.20 respectively. The 'F'- value observed for the pre-test was 30.069. It was greater than the critical ratio of 3.22 for the degree of freedom 2 and 42 at 0.05 level of confidence. Since the observed F-values on post test means among the groups on explosive power vertical was highly significant as the value was higher than the required critical value of 3.22. The adjusted post-test means of the mini hurdles training with aerobic training, mini hurdles training without aerobic training and control groups were 0.25, 0.22 and 0.20 respectively. The 'F'- value observed for the pre-test was 29.907. It was greater than the critical ratio of 3.22 for the degree of freedom 2 and 42 at 0.05 level of confidence. Since the observed F-values on adjusted post test means among the groups on explosive power vertical was highly significant as the value was higher than the required critical value of 3.22. Thus the results obtained proved that the interventions namely mini hurdles training with aerobic training, mini hurdles training without aerobic training and control groups produced significantly different improvements among the experimental groups.

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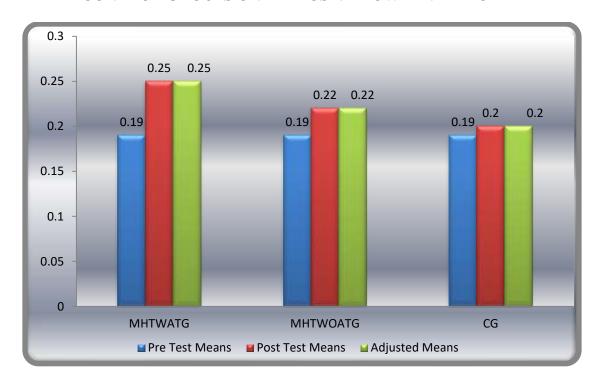
TABLE - II
THE SCHEFFE'S TEST FOR THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN
THE ADJUSTED POST TEST PAIRED
MEANS ON EXPLOSIVE POWER VERTICAL.

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Ad	justed Post-test n	Moon	Dogwing d						
MHTWATG	MHTWOATG	Control Group	Mean Difference	Required CI					
0.25	0.22		0.03*						
0.25		0.20	0.05*	0.01					
	0.22	0.20	0.02*						

<sup>\*</sup> Significant at 0.05 level of confidence

The multiple comparisons showed in table II proved that there existed significant mean differences between the adjusted means of mini hurdles training with aerobic training and mini hurdles training without aerobic training group (0.01), mini hurdles training with aerobic training and control group (7.90), mini hurdles training without aerobic training and control group (7.91) with the confidence interval value of 0.42.

FIGURE - 1
PRE POST AND ADJUSTED POST TEST DIFFERENCES OF THE MINI
HURDLES TRAINING WITH AND WITHOUT AEROBIC TRAINING AND
CONTROL GROUPS ON EXPLOSIVE POWER VERTICAL



#### **CONCLUSION**

1. The mini hurdles with aerobic training had shown significant improvement in explosive power among field hockey players after undergoing the training for a period of twelve weeks than other groups.

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