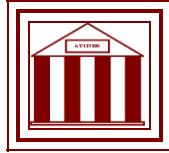


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Abstract

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Introduction

Identifying the new sport talents is of ultimate importance for both sport specialist and the teachers of physical education. Through the application of general tests, we are able to identify the best pool of talented individuals that show the potential to race in different sports disciplines.

Methods

Tests were conducted with a number of 800 children (400 girls, 400 boys) between the ages of 8-14. For every given age, the sample chosen was of 100 children. The running test was measured with the help of a hand time, whereas the flexibility was measured with a meter. The tests that were selected to be applied on the chosen sample were as follows: curl –ups, partial curl-ups, shuttle runs, V-sit Reach, pull ups, right – angle push-ups, 50 – yard dash. Through the application of the above explained tests, we had the opportunity to distinguish between a more gifted or less gifted child.

Results

Based on the statistical calculation of the results shown in detail in the following tables and graphics, we found the average number of the given exercises children of could complete throughout the four levels of exercising for every gender and age group.

In order to calculate the average, a simple frequency method together with the statics analysis (SPSS, version 11) was used. The mean from a simple frequency

distribution is computed as: $\bar{X} = \frac{\sum(fX)}{N}$, where N is the number of the

individuals in every given test. The standard deviation was found according to the formula $SD = \sqrt{\frac{\sum(fX^2)}{N} - (\bar{X})^2}$, whereas the coefficient of the correlation

is $CV = \frac{SD}{\bar{X}}$, which varies from 0.036–2.64.

Discussion and Conclusion

The individuals chosen for this study were not trained before. The measurements were randomly conducted in order to serve objectivity in identifying the young talented individuals. Based on the results, compared to those of referential value we came to the conclusion: At 90% of strain in 7 tests (for boys and girls)

Test 1, average age 8.2 (F-M), found 1 female talent (1F) and 1 male talent (1M); age 10.3 found 1F and 2M; age 12.4 found 1F and 1M; age 14.2 found 1F and 2M.

Test 2, av. age 8.2 found 1F and 1M; age 10.3 found 1F and 2M; age 12.4 found 1F and 1M; age 14.2 found 1F and 2M. Test 3, av. age 8.2 found 1F and 1M; age 10.3 found 1F and 2M; age 12.4 found 1F and 1M; age 14.2 found 1F and 1M. Test 4, av. age 8.2 found 12F and 9 M; age 10.3 found 10F and 10M; age 12.4 found 11F and 9M; age 14.2 found 6F and 3M. Test 5, av. age 8.2 found 1F and 1 M; age 10.3 found 1F and 2M; age 12.4 found 1F and 2M; age 14.2 found 1F and 3M. Test 6, av. age 8.2 found 1 F and 1M; age 10.3 found 1F and 1M; age 12.4 found 1F and 2M; age 14.2 found 1F and 7M. Test 7, av. age 8.2 found 11 F and 12 M; age 10.3 found 10F and 13M; age 12.4 found 8F and 11M; age 14.2 found 2F and 15M.

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Table 1. Curl-ups test for 1 min.

Girls						Boys			
8 Years old	Stress level (in%)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	56	22	20	-2	58	23	20	-3
	50	40	29	27	-2	36	31	30	-1
	70	3	33	30	-3	5	36	34	-2
	90	1	40	37	-3	1	42	39	-3
Girls						Boys			
10 Years old	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	60	23	20	-3	57	28	26	-2
	50	37	30	30	0	35	35	32	-3
	70	2	35	32	-3	6	40	38	-2
	90	1	42	39	-3	2	48	45	-3

Girls						Boys			
12 Years old	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	70	27	26	-1	42	32	30	-2
	50	28	35	32	-3	35	40	37	-3
	70	1	40	37	-3	2	45	42	-3
	90	1	47	44	-3	1	53	49	-4

Girls						Boys			
14 Years old	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	73	30	27	-3	44	37	33	-4
	50	25	37	35	-2	43	45	42	-3
	70	1	42	40	-2	11	51	48	-3
	90	1	49	45	-4	2	58	55	-3

Table 2. *Partial curl-ups test for 1 min.*

Girls						Boys			
8 Years old	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	63	11	10	-1	66	11	11	0
	50	35	17	14	-3	32	17	15	-2
	70	1	25	22	-3	1	25	21	-4
	90	1	31	28	-3	1	31	28	-3

Girls						Boys			
10 Years old	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	65	17	16	-1	61	14	11	-3
	50	33	24	21	-3	36	24	22	-2
	70	1	27	26	-1	2	29	25	-4
	90	1	36	31	-5	1	38	32	-6

Girls						Boys			
12 Years old	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	42	21	19	-2	36	24	20	-4
	50	53	30	26	-6	58	32	29	-3
	70	4	40	37	-3	5	48	46	-2
	90	1	56	51	-5	1	60	55	-5

14 Years old	Girls					Boys			
	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	64	21	20	-1	47	28	26	-2
	50	32	30	29	-1	45	40	37	-3
	70	3	40	36	-4	6	52	48	-4
	90	1	51	46	-5	2	77	73	-4

Table 3. Shuttle runs test (36.50 m), one segment (9.14 m)

8 Years old	Girls					Boys			
	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	51	14.3	14.5	+0.2	49	13.6	13.8	+0.2
	50	46	12.9	13.0	+0.1	47	12.2	12.2	00
	70	2	12.2	12.4	+0.2	3	11.5	10.6	+0.1
	90	1	11.5	11.8	+0.3	1	10.9	11.1	0.2

10 Years old	Girls					Boys			
	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	62	13.3	13.5	+0.2	56	12.7	12.8	+0.1
	50	36	12.1	12.3	+0.2	41	11.5	11.7	+0.2
	70	1	11.4	11.7	+0.3	2	10.8	11.1	+0.3
	90	1	10.6	10.8	+0.2	1	10.0	10.4	+0.4

12 Years old	Girls					Boys			
	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	58	12.3	12.3	00	64	11.4	11.5	+0.1
	50	39	11.3	11.6	+0.3	34	10.6	10.7	+0.1
	70	2	10.8	11.0	+0.2	1	10.1	10.4	+0.3
	90	1	10.2	10.6	+0.4	1	9.6	9.9	+0.3

14 Years old	Girls					Boys			
	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	61	12.1	12.2	+0.1	47	10.7	10.9	+0.2
	50	37	11.2	11.4	+0.2	49	9.9	11.0	+0.1
	70	1	10.6	10.8	+0.2	3	9.5	9.6	+0.1
	90	1	9.9	10.3	+0.4	1	9.0	9.3	+0.3

Table 4. V-sit Reach test

		Girls				Boys			
8 Years old	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	34	00	00	00	37	-2.0	-2.0	00
	50	36	2.0	2.0	00	41	0.5	0.5	00
	70	18	3.5	3.5	00	13	2.0	2.0	00
	90	12	5.0	5.0	00	9	3.5	3.5	00

		Girls				Boys			
10 Years old	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	35	0.5	0.5	00	36	-2.0	-2.0	00
	50	39	3.0	3.0	00	39	1.0	1.0	00
	70	16	4.0	4.0	00	15	2.0	1.8	-0.2
	90	10	7.0	6.9	-0.1	10	5.0	4.6	-0.4

		Girls				Boys			
12 Years old	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	32	1.0	1.0	00	46	-2.0	-2.0	00
	50	44	3.5	3.5	00	33	1.0	1.1	0.1+
	70	13	5.0	4.8	-0.2	12	2.0	1.7	-0.3
	90	11	8.0	7.8	-0.2	9	5.0	4.5	0.5

		Girls				Boys			
14 Years old	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	29	2.0	2.0	00	52	-2.0	-2.0	00
	50	56	4.5	4.5	00	39	1.0	1.0	00
	70	9	6.0	5.9	-0.1	6	3.0	2.7	-0.3
	90	6	8.5	8.2	-0.3	3	5.0	4.5	-0.5

Table 5. Pull-ups test

		Girls				Boys			
8 Years old	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	85	6	5	-1	79	6	6	0
	50	13	9	8	-1	17	9	9	0
	70	1	13	10	-3	3	13	13	0
	90	1	19	17	-2	1	19	17	-2

Girls						Boys			
10 Years old	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	55	8	6	-2	39	10	10	0
	50	43	13	11	-2	54	14	13	-1
	70	1	17	15	-2	5	18	16	-2
	90	1	21	18	-3	2	25	24	-1

Girls						Boys			
12 Years old	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	70	3	2	-1	35	10	10	0
	50	28	10	9	-1	57	18	17	-1
	70	1	15	13	-2	6	25	23	-2
	90	1	21	18	-3	2	34	30	-4

Girls						Boys			
14 Years old	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	84	5	3	-2	28	15	15	0
	50	14	10	7	-3	57	24	22	-2
	70	1	12	11	-1	12	30	25	-5
	90	1	21	20	-1	3	41	35	-6

Table 6. *Right-angle push-ups test*

Girls						Boys			
8 Years old	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	98	0	0	0	87	0	0	0
	50	0	0	0	0	11	1	1	0
	70	1	1	1	0	1	3	1	-2
	90	1	3	2	-1	1	6	2	-4

Girls						Boys			
10 Years old	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	98	0	0	0	86	0	0	0
	50	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0
	70	1	1	1	0	1	4	2	-2
	90	1	3	2	-1	1	7	4	-3

Girls						Boys			
12 Years old	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	98	0	0	0	70	0	0	0
	50	0	0	0	0	23	2	2	0
	70	1	1	1	0	5	5	3	-2
	90	1	3	3	2	-1	2	8	6

Girls						Boys			
14 Years old	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	98	0	0	0	41	1	1	0
	50	0	0	0	0	34	5	5	0
	70	1	1	1	0	18	7	6	-1
	90	1	3	3	1	-2	7	11	10

Table 7. 50–Yard dash test (45.70 m)

Girls						Boys			
8 Years old	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	19	10.5	10.8	+0.3	18	10.1	10.2	+0.1
	50	46	9.6	9.9	+0.3	43	9.1	9.2	+0.1
	70	24	9.1	9.5	+0.4	27	8.6	8.9	0.3
	90	11	8.2	8.6	+0.4	12	8.0	8.3	+0.3

Girls						Boys			
10 Years old	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	25	9.6	9.9	+0.3	13	9.2	9.4	+0.2
	50	44	8.8	9.1	+0.2	47	8.4	8.7	+0.3
	70	21	8.4	8.7	+0.3	27	8.1	8.3	+0.2
	90	10	7.9	8.2	+0.3	13	7.5	7.8	+0.3

Girls						Boys			
12 Years old	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	38	9.0	9.1	+0.1	27	8.4	8.7	-0.3
	50	38	8.2	8.3	+0.1	40	7.8	8.1	+0.3
	70	16	7.8	8.0	+0.2	22	7.3	7.5	+0.2
	90	8	7.3	7.5	+0.2	11	6.9	7.1	+0.2

14 Years old	Girls					Boys			
	Stress level (in %)	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference	Total number of subjects	Ref. values	Values of our subjects	Difference
	20	70	8.7	8.8	+0.1	6	78	8.0	+0.2
	50	23	8.0	8.2	+0.2	54	7.1	72	+0.1
	70	5	7.5	78	+0.3	25	6.8	7.0	+0.2
	90	2	7.0	73	+0.3	15	6.3	6.6	+0.3

Table 8. Estimation results of new talents in 90% stress exercises level (age 8 – 10 years old)

Tests	Average age	New-talents Girls (in %)	New-talents Boys (in %)
1	8.2	1	1
	10.3	1	2
2	8.2	1	1
	10.3	1	1
3	8.2	1	1
	10.3	1	1
4	8.2	12	9
	10.3	10	10
5	8.2	1	1
	10.3	1	2
6	8.2	1	1
	10.3	1	1
7	8.2	11	12
	10.3	10	13

Table 9. Estimation results of new talents in 90% stress exercises level (age 12 – 14 years old)

Tests	Average age	New-talent girls (in %)	New-talent boys (in %)
1	12.4	1	1
	14.2	1	2
2	12.4	1	1
	14.2	1	2
3	12.4	1	1
	14.2	1	1
4	12.4	11	9
	14.2	6	3
5	12.4	1	2
	14.2	1	3
6	12.4	1	2
	14.2	1	7
7	12.4	8	11
	14.2	2	15

Fig. 1. Graphics for curl-ups (girls and boys)

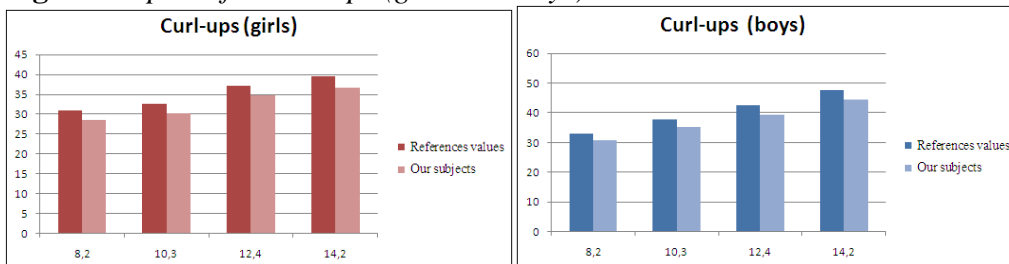


Fig. 2. Graphics for partial curl-ups (girls and boys)

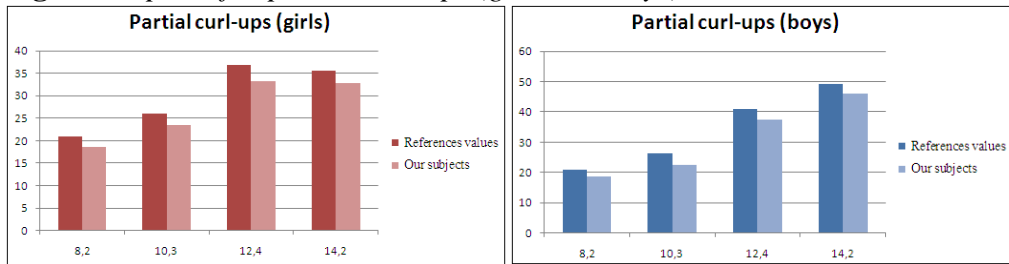


Fig. 3. Graphics for shuttle-runs (girls and boys)

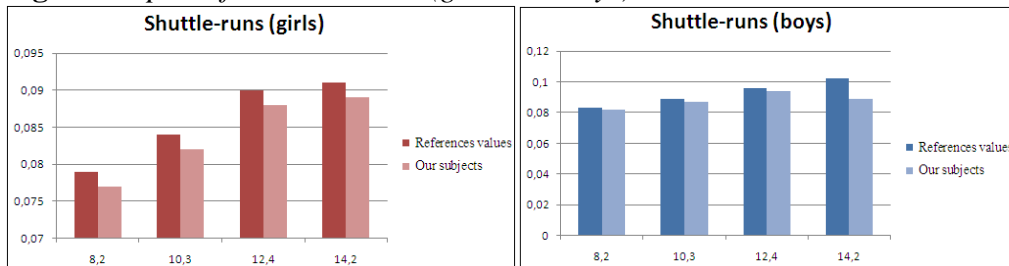


Fig. 4. Graphics for V-sit Reach (girls and boys)

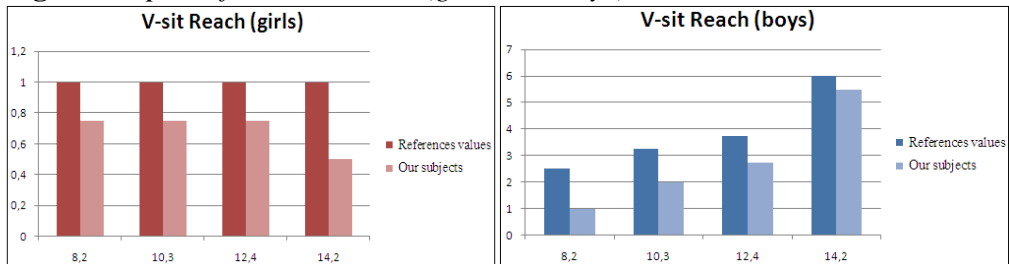


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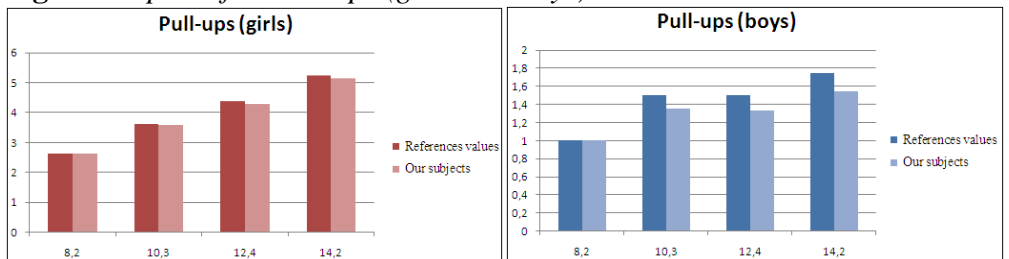


Fig. 6. Graphics for Right-angle push-ups (girls and boys)

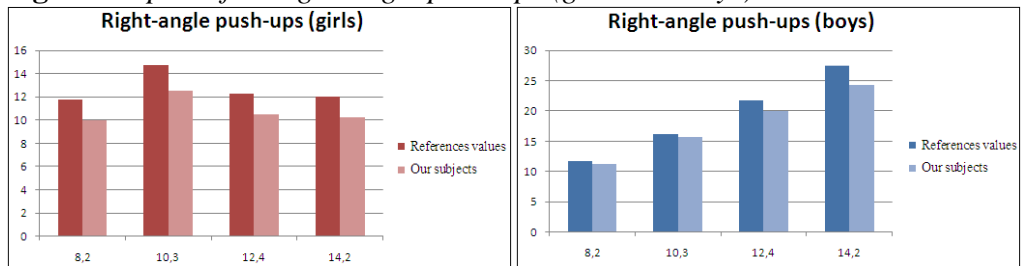


Fig. 7. Graphics for 50-Yard dash (girls and boys)

