



EFFECT OF CONTINUOUS TRAINING AND INTERVAL TRAINING ON VO₂ MAX PARAMETER AMONG DELHI UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

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ABSTRACT

The present study was to investigate the effect of Effect of continuous training and interval training on Vo₂ max parameter among Delhi university students. To achieve this purpose of the study forty five (N=45) university students were selected from Delhi university, New Delhi, India, during the year 2016-17. The subject's age ranges from 18 to 25 years. The selected subject were divided into three equal groups consists of fifteen subject each namely two experimental groups and control group from university students. The experimental group I underwent continuous training group (CTG) and experimental group II underwent interval training group (ITG) programme for twelve weeks. The control group was not taking part in any exercise during the course of the study. The dependent variable vital capacity parameter selected for the study, it was measured by Astrand-Rhyming Nomogram Test unit of ml/kg/min. Pre-test was taken before the exercise period and post- test was measured immediately after the twelve weeks exercise period. The data collected from the three groups were statistically analyzed for significance, the analysis of covariance (ANCOVA) was used and the F ratio was found out. The Scheffe's test is applied as post-hoc test to determine the paired mean differences. The level of significance will be fixed at .05 level of confidence for all the cases. These results suggest that both continuous training and interval training improve vital capacity level. The both training provides an alternative means of exercising for overweight, injured or ill individuals.

KEYWORDS : Continuous training, Interval training, Vital capacity and ANCOVA

INTRODUCTION

Continuous running can be classified into three types, namely slow continuous, fast continuous running and varied pace running. In slow continuous running the pace is such that the heart beats, at the rate of about 140 beats per minutes. In fast continuous running the pace is such that the heart beat reaches between 150-170 per minutes. This running exposes the runner to harder and longer stresses. In varied pace slow speed is kept for long distance which keeps the heart rate at 140 per minutes and later the runner changes to fast pace which takes the heart beat to 170 per minutes. Long slow distance training is another training method in which long slow aerobic runs are used to improve cardiovascular fitness. Runs of two to five times of racing distance at a pace of seven to eight minutes per mile are the key elements for improving both performance and physical fitness. (www.brianmac.co.uk,2017)

Interval training works both in the aerobic and the anaerobic system. During the high intensity effort, the anaerobic system uses the energy stored in the muscles (glycogen) for short bursts of activity. Anaerobic metabolism works without oxygen. The byproduct is lactic acid, which is related to the burning sensation felt in the muscles during high intensity efforts. During the high intensity interval, lactic acid builds up and the athlete enters oxygen debt. During the recovery phase the heart and lungs work together to "pay back" this oxygen debt and break down the lactic acid. It is in this phase that the aerobic system is in control, using oxygen to convert stored carbohydrates into energy. (www.brianmac.co.uk,2017)

Methods & Materials

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To vo₂ max parameter measured by Astrand-Rhyming Nomogram Test accordingly the mean value count by ml/kg/min.

Statistical Technique

The significance of the difference among the means of experimental group was found out by pre-test. The data were analyzed analysis of covariance (ANCOVA) technique was used with 0.05 levels as confidence. Analysis was performed using SPSS 22.0 (SPSS Inc Software).

RESULTS & INTERPRETATION

Table No.1 Table No.1. Analysis of Covariance for the Pre, Post and Adjusted Post Test Means Values for Continuous training group, Interval training group and Control group on Vo₂ max (Units measures by ml/kg/min)

Variable name	Test	Continuous training group	Interval training Group	Control group	Source of Variance	Sum of Square	df	Mean square	'F' ratio
Vo ₂ Max	Pre test	47.606	47.80	46.77	Between	9.02	2	4.512	0.29
					Within	662.45	42	15.77	
	Post test	52.88	51.97	46.82	Between	320.31	2	160.16	9.07*
					Within	741.63	42	17.66	
	Adjusted post test	52.69	51.60	47.38	Between Set	233.42	2	116.71	22.69*
					Within Set	210.87	41	5.14	

*Significance at 0.05 level.

Table value required for significant at 0.05 level with df 2 and 42 and 2 and 41 are 3.22 and 3.23 respectively.

The statistical analysis from the table.1 shows that the pre-test means of continuous training, interval training and control group are 47.6 , 47.8 and 46.77 respectively. The obtained F ratio 0.29 for pre-test is lesser than the table value of 3.22 for df 2 and 42 required for significance at 0.05 level. The post-test means of continuous training, interval training and control group are found 52.88, 51.60 and 46.82 respectively. The obtained F ratio 9.07* for post-test is greater than the table value of 3.22 for df 2 and 42 required for significance at 0.05 level. The adjusted post-test means of continuous training, interval training and control group are 52.69, 51.60 and 47.38 respectively. The F ratio obtained for adjusted post-test 22.69* is also greater than the table value of 3.23 for df 2 and 41 required for significance at 0.05 level.

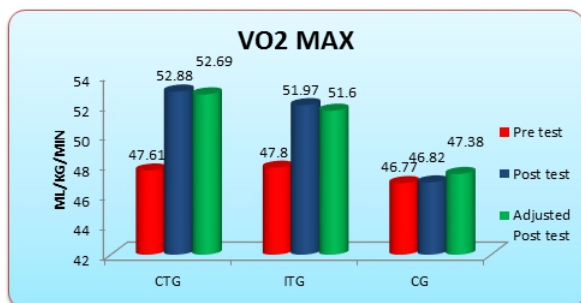
TABLE-2 SCHEFFE'S POST HOC TEST MEAN DIFFERENCES ON FLEXIBILITY AMONG DIFFERENT GROUPS (Units measures by meters)

Variables	Control group	Continuou s training group	Interval training group	Mean Difference	C.I value
Cardio	47.38	52.69	-	5.31*	2.06
Respiratory	47.38	-	51.60	4.22*	
Endurance	-	52.69	51.60	1.09	

*significant level 0.05

In the above table, the results of Scheffe's Post hoc test are presented. From the table it can be seen that the mean difference between Control group and Continuous training group was 5.31* P>0.05) and the calculated C.I value was 2.06 (P>0.05). The mean difference between Control group and the Interval training group was 4.22* (P<0.05) and the calculated C.I value was 2.06 (P< 0.05). The mean difference between the continuous training group and the interval training group was 1.09 (P>0.05) and the calculated C.I value was 2.06 (P>0.05). From that it can be clearly noticed that continuous training group responded to the training with more positive influences of vo2 max when compared with the interval training group and control group. The interval training group responded better when compared with the Control group.

Figure-1 The Pre, post Mean values of Continuous training group, Interval training group and control Group on Vo2 Max (Astrand-Rhyming Nomogram Test of ml/kg/min)



DISCUSSION OF FINDING

Improvement in vo2 max was significant for all the training groups, i.e. group – I (continuous training group) and group - II (interval training group). **Rodríguez DA, et.al. (2014)** In general, twelve-week continuous training and interval training can affect vo2 max significantly improved through to both training.

CONCLUSION

After completion of all work following conclusions were draw by the researcher:

- Continuous training group was possessed improved vo2 max greater than the interval training group and control group.
- Interval training group was possessed improved vo2 max greater than the control group.

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