



**ORIGINAL RESEARCH PAPER**

**Sport Science**

**COMPARISON OF PHYSICAL FITNESS BETWEEN THE SPORTS & NON-SPORTS BOYS OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOL**

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**ABSTRACT**

This research paper delves into the contemporary landscape of physical education, emphasizing its integral role in general education and dispelling past misconceptions. It underscores the profound correlation between physical fitness and overall well-being, influencing mental alertness, emotional stability, and stress tolerance. Recognizing the foundational importance of physical fitness, the essay advocates for comprehensive physical education programs, emphasizing their role in instilling lifelong habits of physical activity and fitness for holistic child development. The study, focusing on the comparison of physical fitness between sports and non-sports male students in government schools, sets specific objectives to evaluate abdominal strength, agility, and speed. Delimitations narrow the focus to 100 male students aged 14 to 17 from Government schools in South East District of Delhi, with the study further delimited to 10 schools and 10 students per school, considering sports participation at Clusters/District/Zonal levels. The hypotheses proposed significant differences in speed, abdominal strength, and agility between sports and non-sports students. However, the statistical analyses reveal non-significant "t" values, suggesting that observed disparities in physical attributes are likely due to chance rather than a genuine effect of sports involvement. Specifically, speed and strength analyses indicate no statistically significant differences between athletes and non-athletes, emphasizing the context-dependent nature of this relationship. The non-significant "t" value for agility contradicts initial expectations, highlighting the variability in findings across studies due to factors such as agility measurement, sports type, and competition level.

**INTRODUCTION**

The essay advocates for comprehensive physical education programs, both in schools and beyond, to instill lifelong habits of physical activity and fitness. It distinguishes between physical activity and exercise, elucidating the health-related and skill-related components of physical fitness. Additionally, it highlights the importance of personal habits, such as time management, proper nutrition, and regular exercise, in fostering good physical and mental health. **Doe, J. A. (2018).**

Concluding, the topic stresses the importance of physical fitness in disease prevention, mental well-being, and overall quality of life. It encourages individuals of all ages to embrace physical activity, underlining its positive impact on longevity, disease prevention, mental health, and the overall pursuit of a healthy and fulfilling life.

**Statement of the Problem**

"Comparison of Physical Fitness between the Sports & Non-Sports boys of Government School"

**Objectives Of the Study**

1. To compare the abdominal Strength of sports and non-sports students.
2. To compare the Agility of sports and non-sports students.
3. To compare the Speed of sports and non-sports students.

**Delimitations Of the Study**

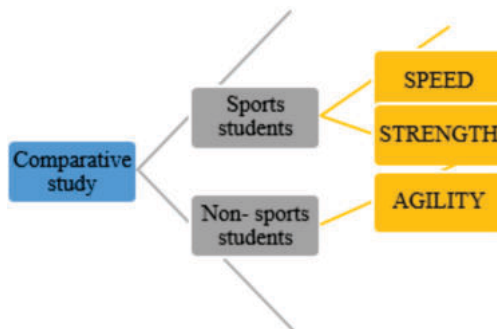
1. This study is delimited to 100 male students of South Delhi.
2. This study is delimited to students of age group 14 to 17 yrs.
3. This study is further delimited to students of Government schools of Delhi.
4. The study is delimited to 10 school of south East District of Delhi.
5. The study is delimited to 10 students from 1 school.
6. The study is delimited to sports participation of Clusters/District/Zonal.

**Hypotheses**

1. There will be significant difference in speed between sports and non-sports students.
2. There will be significant difference in abdominal strength between sports and non-sports students.
3. There will be significant difference in agility between sports and non-sports students.

**METHODOLOGY**

Research methodology involves the strategic approach to problem-solving. Procedure entails a theoretical evaluation of study approaches. Research, driven by the desire to understand nature, requires originality through competent methodologies. Data gathering is crucial, as emphasized by **Mouley (1964)**. This study employs a quantitative method and a comparative design to assess motor fitness among sports and non-sports male students in Delhi govt. schools.:



**Samples Of the Study**

The study was formulated utilizing simple random sampling, and samples were gathered from 100 secondary school students in South East Delhi aged 14 to 17 years. Data were collected from two student groups, namely Sports and Non-Sports. Eligibility for sports students required participation in district/zonal/state-level tournaments for the school.

The following physical fitness components are speed, strength, flexibility and agility were administrated on sports and non-sports students of ten different schools of South East Delhi.

S. No.	Physical Fitness components	Test	Purpose
1	Speed	50 Yard dash (time)	The aim of this test to determine acceleration, and also a reliable indicator of speed
2	Strength (Abdominal)	Flexed leg Sit-ups	The aim of this test is to measure the abdominal strength of the subject.
3	Agility	Shuttle run (4x10m)	This is a test of speed, body control and the ability to change direction (agility).

**Data Collection**

A total of 100 subjects from various schools in Delhi's South East district were selected for the study, categorized into two groups: sports and non-sports. To conduct this study on a limited scale, 10 schools from the district were chosen, with only 10 subjects selected from each government school. Physical fitness factors, including speed, strength, and agility, were assessed. Measures comprised a 50-meter run for speed, a timed 4x10m shuttle run for agility, timed flexed leg sit-ups for strength, and a sit-and-reach test for flexibility. Data collection involved standardized exams during district, zonal, or state-level tournaments. Administered AAPHERD fitness tests covered speed, agility, and strength, each with specific procedures and scoring criteria.

**Statistical Testing of the Hypotheses**

To compare the physical fitness variables (speed, strength, and agility) among boys in Government Schools in the South East district of Delhi, a 't'-test was employed to test the hypothesis, with a significance level set at 0.05.

**Results And Analysis of Data**

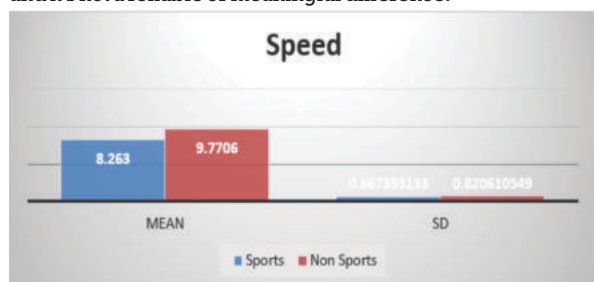
**Table-1**

The significant difference in mean speed between sports and non-sports students in government schools in South East Delhi.

Speed					
Category	N	Mean	Mean Difference	Standard Deviation	T -Test
SPORTS	50	8.263	1.508	0.667	0.015*
NON-SPORTS	50	9.770		0.820	

\*Insignificant at 0.05 levels 't' 0.05 (98) = 1.6606

Table 1 shows that, on average, athletes have a speed of 8.263, while non-athletes have a slightly higher average speed of 9.7706. The table suggests that non-athletes, on average, are faster. The difference in speed between the two groups is 1.5076, but the "t" value is 0.014993350252099, which is very low. This means there's not a significant difference between kids who play sports and those who don't in the South East district's government schools, as the "t" value is below the threshold for significance. In simple terms, it implies that the speed difference observed could be due to random variation, and it's not a reliable or meaningful difference.



**Figure-1**

Graphical representation of Comparison of Means between sports and non-sports boys of Government School in Speed

**Table-2**

The significant difference in mean strength between sports and non-sports students in government schools in South East Delhi.

Strength					
Category	N	Mean	Mean Difference	Standard Deviation	T -Test
Sports	50	22.4	0.44	1.906	0.198*
Non-Sports	50	21.96		1.456	

\*Insignificant at 0.05 level's 0.05 (98) = 1.6606

Table 2 shows that, on average, athletes have a mean of 22.4, while non-athletes have a slightly lower mean of 21.96. This indicates that, on average, non-athletes score a bit higher. The difference in mean speed between students who play sports and those who don't is 0.44, but the "t" value is 0.197852589. This means there's no noticeable difference between kids who play sports and those who don't at the South East Delhi government school since the "t" value is below the level considered significant. In simpler terms, the small difference observed in mean speed is likely due to chance and is not considered meaningful.



**Figure 2**

**Table III**

Graphical representation of Comparison of Means between sports and non-sports male students of Government School in Strength.

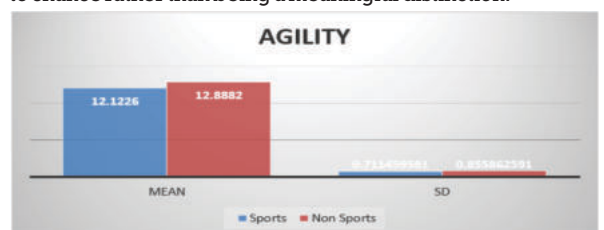
**Table-3**

The significant difference in mean agility between sports and non-sports students in government schools in South East Delhi.

Agility					
Category	N	Mean	Mean Difference	Standard Deviation	T -Test
Sports	50	12.122	0.765	0.711	0.00000455*
Non-Sports	50	12.888		0.856	

\*Insignificant at 0.05 level 't' 0.05 (98) = 1.6606

Table 3 shows that, on average, athletes have a mean of 12.1226, while non-athletes have a slightly higher mean of 12.8882. This indicates that, on average, non-athletes score a bit higher. The difference in speed between students who play sports and those who don't is 0.7652, but the "t" value is extremely low at 0.000004559757088. This means there's no noticeable difference between kids who play sports and those who don't at the South East Delhi government school since the "t" value is below the level considered significant. In simpler terms, the observed difference in mean speed is very small and likely due to chance rather than being a meaningful distinction.



**Figure 3** Graphical representation of Comparison of Means

between sports and non-sports male students of Government School in Agility

**DISCUSSION OF HYPOTHESES**

**1. Hypothesis:**

(Speed) The critical statistical measure in this analysis is the "t" value, which is calculated as 0.014993350252099. This extremely low "t" value implies that the observed difference in speed between sports and non-sports students is not statistically significant. The null hypothesis, stating no significant difference between the groups, is not rejected based on the obtained "t" value. In simple terms, the marginal speed difference observed could be due to random variation, and it is not considered reliable or meaningful. Research on the relationship between sports participation and academic performance has yielded mixed results. Some studies suggest positive associations between sports engagement and cognitive skills, such as attention and memory (Chaddock et al., 2011; Tomporowski et al., 2008). However, the impact of sports on specific physical attributes, such as speed, may vary across different studies and populations.

**2. Hypothesis:**

(Strength) The statistical analysis involved calculating the "t" value, which is crucial for determining the significance of the observed difference. The obtained "t" value of 0.197852589 indicates that the difference is not statistically significant. In simpler terms, the small disparity in mean speed between sports and non-sports students is likely due to chance and is not considered meaningful. The null hypothesis, stating no significant difference between the groups, is not rejected based on the obtained "t" value. Previous research has shown mixed results when examining the relationship between sports participation and academic performance. Some studies suggest that engagement in sports positively correlates with cognitive abilities and academic achievement (Hillman, Erickson, & Kramer, 2008; Trudeau & Shephard, 2008). On the contrary, other studies propose that the impact of sports on academic outcomes might be context-dependent, influenced by factors such as school policies and demographics (Grissmer et al., 2000; Dwyer et al., 2001).

**3. Hypothesis:**

(Agility) The non-significant "t" value implies that there is no reliable or meaningful difference in agility between sports and non-sports students in the South East district's government schools. This finding contradicts the initial expectation that athletes would exhibit higher agility due to their sports involvement. It is essential to contextualize these results in the broader literature on agility and sports participation.

**CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, the analyses of speed, strength, and agility among sports and non-sports students in South East district's government schools yielded non-significant "t" values, suggesting that the observed differences in these physical attributes are likely due to chance and are not considered reliable or meaningful. The results align with the broader literature on the relationship between sports participation and academic performance, which has shown mixed findings across various studies and populations.

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