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# "INFLUENCE OF INTERVAL TRAINING ON CARDIOVASCULAR ENDURANCE AMONG COLLEGE ATHLETES"

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## **ABSTRACT**:

This study aims to examine the effect of interval training on cardiovascular endurance among college athletes in Beed city. A sample of 40 college-level athletes was divided into experimental and control groups. The experimental group followed an 8-week interval training program, while the control group followed a regular routine. The pre- and post-test results showed significant improvement in the cardiovascular endurance of the experimental group, measured using the Cooper 12-minute run test.



**KEYWORDS**: regular routine, experimental group, cardiovascular endurance.

#### INTRODUCTION

Cardiovascular endurance is essential for overall athletic performance. Interval training—alternating between high-intensity and low-intensity exercise—has been widely recognized for enhancing aerobic capacity and endurance. This study investigates its specific impact on college athletes' cardiovascular health in Beed city.

# NEED AND IMPORTANCE OF THE STUDY

- To improve athletic performance at the college level.
- To explore effective training methods suitable for college athletes.
- To develop scientific training strategies tailored to local college needs.
- To contribute to sports science research in rural and semi-urban Indian contexts.

# **OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY**

- 1. To measure cardiovascular endurance levels of college athletes before and after interval training.
- 2. To compare endurance levels between experimental and control groups.
- 3. To determine the effectiveness of interval training over regular training.
- 4. To assess physiological adaptations due to interval training.
- 5. To provide data-based suggestions for college-level athletic training programs.

## **Assumptions**

- The subjects will cooperate sincerely.
- Testing tools will be reliable and valid.
- Interval training will have a measurable impact on endurance.

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#### **Hypothesis**

- **H<sub>0</sub>** (Null Hypothesis): There is no significant difference in cardiovascular endurance due to interval training.
- **H**<sub>1</sub> (Alternative Hypothesis): There is a significant improvement in cardiovascular endurance due to interval training.

#### **SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS**

#### Scope:

- Applicable to male and female athletes aged 17–21 years.
- Focus on endurance performance through field testing.

## **Limitations:**

- Limited to Beed city colleges.
- Environmental and dietary factors not controlled.

#### RESEARCH METHOD

**Type:** Experimental method

**Design:** Pre-test and post-test with control group

**Research Design** 

Group	Pre-Test	Training	Post-Test
Experimental	Yes	Interval Training (8 weeks)	Yes
Control	Yes	Regular Training	Yes

## Sampling

• **Population:** College athletes in Beed city

• **Sample Size:** 40 (20 Experimental, 20 Control)

• **Sampling Method:** Purposive sampling

## **Tools Used for Data Collection**

- **Test:** Cooper 12-Minute Run Test (distance in meters)
- **Instrument:** Measuring tape, stopwatch, whistle
- Statistical Tools: Mean, Standard Deviation, t-test

# **Data Analysis**

Group	Pre-Test Mean (m)	Post-Test Mean (m)	SD	t-value	Significance
Experimental	2100	2450	135	4.21	Significant
Control	2120	2180	120	1.12	Not Significant

**Interpretation:** The experimental group showed a statistically significant improvement in endurance compared to the control group.

## **Research Findings**

- Interval training significantly improved cardiovascular endurance.
- Control group showed only marginal improvement.
- Structured training plans lead to measurable performance gains.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The research confirms that interval training is an effective method to enhance cardiovascular endurance among college athletes. Implementing such programs can boost athletic development at the grassroots level in semi-urban settings like Beed.

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