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# The Effect of Specific Endurance Exercise on Some Physical Variables and Functional Indicators during Wrestlers' Anaerobic Change Threshold.

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#### Abstract

This research aims to identify specific endurance exercise on some physical variables and functional indicators during wrestlers' anaerobic threshold, Main study conducted using experimental approach on a random sample of (20) wrestlers from wrestling team at Faculty of Physical Education for Men, Alexandria University, experiment conducted for (10) weeks, (30) training unit, (3) units weekly.

#### The most important results:

- 1- Post-measurements for all physical variables (under study) were better than pre-measurements during wrestlers' anaerobic change threshold.
- 2- Post-measurements for all Functional indicators (under study) were better than pre-measurements during wrestlers' anaerobic change threshold.

# Through these results, researchers recommend the following:

- 1- Using the proposed exercises program with specific endurance exercises in wrestling sport to improve physical and functional variables during wrestlers' anaerobic change threshold, and in turn improve performance level and access highest performance levels.
- 2- Using the proposed exercises program with specific endurance exercises in sports generally, and specifically in individual combat sports to improve physical and functional variables during anaerobic change threshold, and in turn improve athletes' performance level and access highest performance levels.
- 3- This study results to be communicated to Egyptian Federation of Wrestling to be benefited with during preparation of Egyptian wrestling team..

# **Introduction:**

skill requirements are considered of the most important factors that lead to improve functional processes which confer its practitioners some functional changes that occur under systemized training loads' influence. Training programs and loads are considered purposeful stimuli lead to enhance physical, functional and skill levels to access high performance levels.(Hammad, 2009:p70)

Athletic achievement and player's motor performance mastering are determined by what he has from functional ability, therefore modern trend to improve player' physiological efficiency is directing training programs to focus on developing energy fitness. One of the most important training functional aims is to achieve the maximum of aerobic and anaerobic energy production systems (El-Sayed, 2002: p2), as well as the training process aim is to find out best ways that work on

developing player's achievement. (Abdel-Khalek, 2000: n114)

Standardized training programs are working to improve physical and functional levels and develop body systems to advance motor activity and access to highest sport levels, that is through physical exercises which are the basis for developing human body's vital systems. (Zahran, 1997: 9)

There is necessity for an athlete to has some physical abilities associated with achievement in specific sport activity; namely strength endurance, speed endurance, power endurance, and performance endurance, which are integrated with each other in mutual influence for well completion and delivery of performed movement. (Gallahue, 1993: p22), (Wall& Murray, 1995: p15), (Kudo, 2008: p1)

Wrestling requires wrestler to have special abilities to win and access high levels and needs distinct and integrated preparation of all aspects: physical, functional, skill, tactical and mental according to nature of the combat (Al-Rihani, 2006:p86)

Wrestling's performance effectiveness is determined by wrestler's ability of recording largest number of technical points during the performance of group of artistic movements without any falling in his physical, functional abilities could prevent following movements' intensity and continuity (El-Roby, 2007:p25)

Physical and functional characteristics which determine wrestlers' performance are the basis for success in the combat. Adjusting training loads and organizing training process is imperative in developing these physical and functional determinants. (Oppliger et al, 2008: p156) (Horswill, 2008:p25)

Wrestling's specific endurance is one of the complex physical characteristics that combines strength, speed and performance endurance, low level of wrestlers' specific endurance lead to weak ability to continue combating with high efficiency, in addition to the negative impact on recovery speed between matches. (Qutb, 2002: p3)

Specific wrestling' endurance requires the ability to continue exert strength that guarantees performing skills and overcome opponent's resistance until the end of match. (Fodor, 1992: p41)

There is an importance for developing wrestlers' specific endurance associated with latest amended for match time, which was approved by the International Federation of Associated Wrestling (FILA, 2014), where match time became six minutes divided to two equal rounds separated by 30 seconds rest period (http://www.file-official.com)

Wrestling is characterized with competitive nature, where all matches are played in one day, leading to wrestler exposure to fatigue and inability to continue playing the same efficiency with a drop in player's physical and functional abilities due to performance repetition. (Abdel-Halim, 2013: p4)

Researchers - through the follow-up of performance level of faculty wrestling team during Alexandria University wrestling championships- noted significant drop of players' physical and functional level; which leads to significance occurrence of fatigue phenomenon and the inability to continue performance effectively. Researchers are in the opinion that wrestling specific endurance as required by this study nature means wrestler's ability to face fatigue when continue training in anaerobic conditions for the maximum training or match time with high functional efficiency and without any drop of physical and skill performance level..

The importance of specific endurance exercise and its impact on physical and functional aspects within different sport athletes is evidenced by the changes in heart muscle, improvement in blood circulation, increase in heart size, increase in blood volume pushed by heart, improving lung ventilation, using players' economically, mastering motor duties with good coordination, ability to exert continuous effort for long time, improvement in the ability of muscular and respiratory systems, an increase in rib cage width, and developing motor muscular coordination. (Tolan et al, 2012: 176)

Anaerobic threshold level is determined by athletes' specific preparation and individual differences. Specific endurance lie in sub-maximal load area and high intensity area; therefore determination of anaerobic change threshold considered is considered a criterion with utmost importance when testing physical efficiency and also in determining load intensity for athletes to develop athletes' endurance level and delay the onset of fatigue, which invited the researchers to conduct this study as an attempt to develop athletes' physical and functional level anaerobic change threshold using exercises for specific endurance and its compounds (strength, speed, and performance endurance).

# Research objectives:

The research aims to identify:

- 1- The effect of specific endurance exercise on some physical variables during wrestlers' anaerobic change threshold
- 2- The effect of specific endurance exercise on some functional indicators during wrestlers' anaerobic change threshold

# **Research Hypotheses:**

- 1- There are statistically significant differences between pre and post measurements in some physical variables during wrestlers' anaerobic change threshold in favor of post measurement.
- 2- There are statistically significant differences between pre and post measurements in some functional indicators during wrestlers' anaerobic change threshold in favor of post measurement.

# Research procedures: -

# Research Methodology: -

Experimental approach with one group design has been used as it suits research nature

#### Research domains:

#### **Human domain:**

The study was conducted on a sample of wrestling players in Faculty of Physical Education for Men, Alexandria University.

# **Spatial domain:**

Research has been applied in combat lounge and Exercise Physiology Laboratory at Faculty of Physical Education for Men, Alexandria University

#### Time domain: -

Pilot study was conducted in the period from December1<sup>st</sup>, to December8<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Pre measurements conducted in the period from December9<sup>th</sup>, to December12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, main study conducted in the period from December14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 to March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and dimensional measurements in the period from March 6<sup>th</sup> to March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

# Research sample: -

Main study were conducted on a random sample of (20) players from wrestling team at Faculty of Physical Education for Men, Alexandria University, while pilot study were conducted on intentional sample of 10 students, including (5) distinctive players, and (5) indistinctive players.

#### Measurements and tests:

- I- Basic measurements of research sample:
  - 1- Age: has been calculated to the nearest month.
  - 2- Total body height: has been measured to nearest one centimeter.
  - Body weight: has been measured to the nearest kilogram.

# II- Specific physical tests:

Videography used to determine number of correct attempts during time allocated for each test

1- Power Endurance Test (Back Cast Skill Performance Test for 40 seconds) (Nasra,2004: p51)

- 2- Strength Endurance Test (Back Cast Skill Performance Test for 1 minute) (El-Roby,2005: p214)
- 3- Specific Power Test (Bridge Skill 3 times Performance Test) (Issa,1995: p49)
- 4- Agility Test (Bridge Skill 10 seconds Performance Test) (Issa,1995: p 47)
- 5- Speed Endurance Test (Bridge Skill 30 seconds Performance Test) (El-Roby,2005; p 212)
- 6- Performance Endurance Test (Bridge Skill 60 seconds Performance Test) (El-Roby,2005: p 212)

#### **III- functional measurements:**

Measurement of respiratory functions done using argospirometer device (Everson, 2001)

- 1- Heart rate (HR).
- 2- Heart rate reserve (HRR).
- 3- Oxygen pulse (O<sub>2</sub>PULS).
- 4- Oxygen uptake volume (VO<sub>2</sub>).
- 5- Specific Oxygen uptake volume (VO<sub>2</sub>/KG).
- 6- Carbon dioxide uptake volume (VCO<sub>2</sub>).
- 7- Breathing Exchange rate (BER).
- 8- Maximal pulmonary ventilation (VE<sub>max</sub>).
- 9- Breathing reserve (BR%).
- 10- Breathing frequency (BF).

#### Pilot study:

Pilot study was conducted to confirm suitability of physical tests to research sample by standardizing the tests (Tables 1, and 2).

Validity coefficient:

Table (1) differences between distinctive and indistinctive groups to calculate validity coefficient for specific physical tests

Statistics		Distinctive group n=5		Indistinctive group n=5		san renc s	alue	alidity oefficie nt
	Specific Physical tests	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mea differ es	Τ ν	Validi coeffi nt
Power Endurance Test	Back Cast Skill Performance Test for 40 seconds	11.05	2.14	7.23	0.55	3.82	*3.87	0.81
Strength Endurance Test	Back Cast Skill Performance Test for 1 minute	2.60	0.55	4.60	0.55	2.00-	*5.77	0.90
Specific Power Test	Bridge Skill 3 times Performance Test	6.60	0.55	10.40	1.34	3.80-	*5.86	0.90

Statistics		Distinctive group n=5		Indistinctive group n=5		Mean differenc es	alue	Validity coefficie nt
	Specific Physical tests	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Me diffe e	24 L	Vali coef n
Agility Test	Bridge Skill 10 seconds Performance Test	11.20	2.17	17.60	0.89	6.40-	*6.10	0.91
Speed Endurance Test	Bridge Skill 30 seconds Performance Test	8.40	0.89	15.80	1.10	7.40-	*11.70	0.97
Performance Endurance Test	Bridge Skill 60 seconds Performance Test	11.20	0.84	21.00	2.55	9.80-	*8.17	0.94

<sup>\*</sup> Significant at the 0.05 level = 01.86

Table (1) results reveal availability of statistically significant differences between distinctive and indistinctive groups. T value ranged between (3.87 to 11.70); these values are are significant at 0.05 level. The

validity coefficient ranged between (0.81 to 0.97), which confirms that tests are valid, and measure what they designed for.

# Reliability coefficient:

Table (2)
Differences between first and second test applications to find reliability coefficient for (n=10)

Statistics		1 <sup>st</sup> application		2 <sup>nd</sup> application		Mean differences		T 1	Reliability	
	Specific Physical tests	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	T value	coefficient	
Power Endurance Test	Back Cast Skill Performance Test for 40 seconds	11.05	2.14	11.03	2.13	0.02	0.05	1.11	0.94	
Strength Endurance Test	Back Cast Skill Performance Test for 1 minute	2.40	0.89	2.50	0.50	0.10-	0.55	0.41	0.94	
Specific Power Test	Bridge Skill 3 times Performance Test	7.60	1.34	7.70	1.72	0.10-	0.55	0.41	0.97	
Agility Test	Bridge Skill 10 seconds Performance Test	12.70	2.44	12.60	2.86	0.10	0.65	0.34	0.98	
Speed Endurance Test	Bridge Skill 30 seconds Performance Test	8.80	2.17	8.90	1.78	0.10-	0.65	0.34	0.96	
Performance Endurance Test	Bridge Skill 60 seconds Performance Test	13.10	2.25	13.20	2.17	0.10-	0.22	1.00	0.99	

<sup>\*</sup> Significant at the 0.05 level = 2.262

Table (2) results reveal that there is no statistically significant difference between the two tests applications, T values ranged between (0.34 to 1.11). These values are not significant at 0.05 level. The reliability coefficient ranged **Homogeneity:** 

between (0.94 to 0.99), which confirms that the tests are reliable and give same results if re-applied on the same sample at the same conditions..

Table (3) Statistical indication for research sample basic variables (n = 20)

Statistics  Basic variables	Mean	SD	Skewness	Kurtosis	differentiation factor %
Age	20.60	0.50	0.44-	1.02-	2.43%
Height	175.40	4.83	0.27	0.51-	2.75%
Weight	73.60	2.12	0.30	0.48-	2.88%
Training age	2.50	0.19	1.08	0.08	7.53%

Table (3) results reveal that skewness values were between (-0.44) to (1.08) which are between ( $\pm$  3); which confirm that sample are free from un-normal distributions defects, table results also shows that differentiation coefficients are

between (2.56%) to (7.53%), value of less than 20% of average, which indicates homogeneity of research sample in all the variables under consideration.

Table (4) Statistical indication for physical tests for research sample (n = 20)

Statistics		Mean	SD	Skewness	Kurtosis	differentiation factor
	Specific Physical tests					%
Power Endurance Test	Back Cast Skill Performance Test for 40 seconds	11.08	0.94	0.62-	0.62-	%8.46
Strength Endurance Test	Back Cast Skill Performance Test for 1 minute	2.75	0.15	0.13-	0.08-	%5.46
Specific Power Test	Bridge Skill 3 times Performance Test	7.90	0.74	0.30	0.78-	%9.42
Agility Test	Bridge Skill 10 seconds Performance Test	12.65	1.13	0.29	0.28-	%8.96
Speed Endurance Test	Bridge Skill 30 seconds Performance Test	9.00	1.03	0.55	0.96	%11.40
Performance Endurance Test	Bridge Skill 60 seconds Performance Test	12.55	0.93	0.09	0.68	%7.40

Table (4) results reveal that skewness values were between (-0.78) to (0.96) which are between ( $\pm$  3); which confirm that sample are free from un-normal distributions defects, table results also shows that differentiation coefficients are between (5.46%) to (11.40%), value of less than 20% of average, which indicates homogeneity of research sample in all the variables under consideration.

#### Main study:

The experimental group underwent a training program using specific endurance exercises (strength, speed and performance endurance).

# The proposed program:

Program design foundation

- Periodic training with law and high intensity was used.
- Karvonen formula was used to determine targeted training pulse using value of pulse reserve as follows:

$$\frac{\text{targeted}}{\text{training pulse}} = \frac{\frac{\text{intensity required x}}{\text{pulse reserve}}}{100} + \frac{\text{resting}}{\text{pulse}}$$

Resting pulse = 71 p/m.

Maximal pulse = 220 - Age

- Pulse Reserve = Maximal pulse - resting pulse

$$= 200-71 = 129 \text{p/m}$$

- Intensity ranging between 60% - 85%.

targeted training pulse for 60% intensity 
$$= \frac{60x}{100} + \frac{resting}{pulse}$$

$$= \frac{60x 129}{100} + 71 = \frac{149}{p/m}$$

- targeted training pulse for 85% intensity = 181 p/m
- So targeted training pulse is between 149 p/m and 181 p/m.
- Thus with measuring resting pulse rates every two weeks to determine adaption with training load
- The principle of load and rest was used as training basis considering individual loads for research sample players as per each player's physical ability. (Hassanein,2001: p101), (Osman,2000: p45)
- Load was increased gradually, and in continuity. (Hossam El-Din,1997:p44) (El-Bisatti,1998: 65), (Abdel-Khalek,2000: 76)
- Training unit consisted of (6) exercises.
- Exercises time performance were between (90-180) seconds.
- Resting pulse: between (120-130) p/m.
- Groups: between (2 and 3) times.
- Frequencies between (3 and 5) times.
- Rest time between groups (2 to 5) minutes.
- Rest time between exercises (45 to 90) seconds.

- Work to rest ratio: (1: 2)
- Average unit time (60 to 90 minutes) distributed as follows: (5) minutes of warm-up, (50 to 80 minutes) for main part, (5) minutes of cool-down.
- The experiment has been applied for (10) weeks (30) training units, (3) units weekly, on Saturday, Monday and Wednesday.

Statistical work:

Results:

SPSS program has been used in extraction of the following statistics:

Mean	Standard Deviation	Skewness coefficient
Kurtosis coefficient	Differentiation coefficient	Validity coefficient
Correlation coefficient	Improvement percentage	T paired test

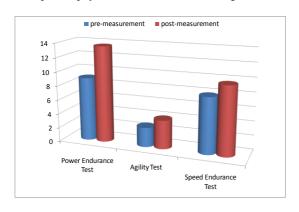
# Table (5) Statistical significance for specific physical test for experimental group before and after experiment

Statistics		Pre- measurement		Post- measurement		Mean differences		T value	Improvement Percentage	
	Specific Physical tests	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	1 value	(%)	
Power Endurance Test	Back Cast Skill Performance Test for 40 seconds	9.00	0.94	13.60	2.11	4.60-	3.10	*6.63	51.11	
Strength Endurance Test	Back Cast Skill Performance Test for 1 minute	12.55	0.15	19.10	2.83	6.55-	4.32	*6.78	52.19	
Specific Power Test	Bridge Skill 3 times Performance Test	11.08	0.74	8.87	1.48	2.20	2.88	*3.42	19.90	
Agility Test	Bridge Skill 10 seconds Performance Test	2.75	1.13	4.05	0.94	1.30-	1.13	**5.15	47.27	
Speed Endurance Test	Bridge Skill 30 seconds Performance Test	7.90	1.03	9.65	1.95	1.75-	2.95	*2.65	22.15	
Performance Endurance Test	Bridge Skill 60 seconds Performance Test	12.65	0.93	15.20	2.46	2.55-	4.63	*2.46	20.16	

<sup>\*</sup> T significance at 0.05 level = 2.093

Table (5) results reveal availability of statistically significant differences between pre and post measurements in all specific physical tests where t value ranged between

(2.46, and 6.78), and all tests improved in post-measurements with improvements rates ranged between (20.16%), and (52.19%).



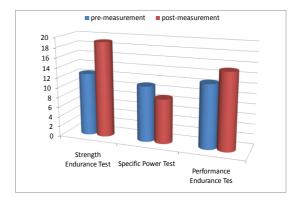


Figure (1) specific physical tests average for experimental group before and after experiment

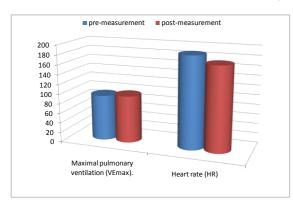
Table (6) Statistical significance for functional measurements for experimental group before and after experiment

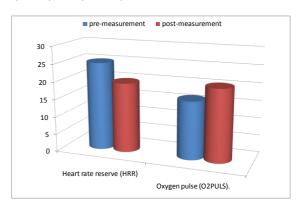
Statistics	Pre-measurement		Post-measurement		Mean differences		T value	Improvement Percentage	
Functional measurements	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	1 value	(%)	
Heart rate (HR)	188.10	9.71	172.60	16.07	15.50	11.00	*6.30	8.24	
Heart rate reserve (HRR)	25.05	13.06	19.80	12.20	5.25	4.19	*5.60	20.96	
Oxygen pulse (O <sub>2</sub> PULS).	16.40	7.58	20.50	7.61	4.10-	0.45	*41.00	25.00	
Oxygen uptake volume (VO <sub>2</sub> ).	3.00	1.45	4.05	1.47	1.05-	0.11	*43.62	35.10	
Specific Oxygen uptake volume (VO <sub>2</sub> /KG).	40.25	21.24	42.60	21.11	2.35-	0.30	*34.59	5.83	
Carbon dioxide uptake volume (VCO <sub>2</sub> ).	2.72	1.34	1.97	1.08	0.75	0.34	*9.86	27.48	
Breathing Exchange rate (BER).	0.90	0.04	1.19	0.03	0.30-	0.05	*25.59	33.22	
Maximal pulmonary ventilation ( $VE_{max}$ ).	93.48	24.06	96.80	25.27	3.32-	5.43	*2.74	3.55	
Breathing reserve (BR%).	48.70	23.22	41.25	21.25	7.45	3.41	*9.77	15.30	
Breathing frequency (BF).	44.85	13.21	37.55	12.78	7.30	1.45	*22.44	16.28	

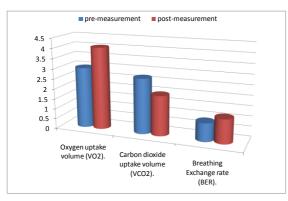
<sup>\*</sup> T significance at 0.05 level = 2.093

Table (6) results reveal availability of statistically significant differences between pre and post measurements in all functional measurements where t value ranged

between (742, and 362), and all tests improved in post-measurements with improvements rates ranged between (3.55%), and (35.10%).







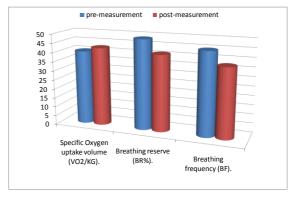


Figure (2) Functional measurements average for experimental group before and after experiment

#### **Discussion**:

Responses kevel to physical is based in functional development of body vital system, as it evidenced by this study result and the positive effect of the proposed training program in developing physical variables. Table (5) and Figure (1) show statistically significant differences between pre and post measurements of physical tests in favor of post-measurements

Researchers attribute this progress in all specific physical tests to training program effectiveness, as specific endurance exercises (strength, speed, and performance endurance) lead to develop physical variables and significantly delay the fatigue onset. (Ramadan, 2001) (Khattab et al, 2006) (Hariz, 2008).

Specific endurance exercises is characterized by contributing to rise player's general ability level in various sports activities (13), that is through regular and continuous training which work on development of physical abilities and develop them. (Celli, 1997) (Zahran, 1997) (Soliman, 2001)

El-Sayed (1994, p311) and Wilmore, and Costill (1994, p269) noted that sport training directed to develop some specific physical abilities could contribute to development of some other physical abilities; this is known by training positive impact transfer. (El-Sayed, 1994: p311), (Wilmore, and Costill, 1994: p269)

Martell (1993, p131) note that wrestling training during the season can improve some of physical abilities, e.g. strength, coordination, flexibility and agility.

Qutb (2002, p11) explain that ability to efficiently continue the combat to mach end and resist fatigue arising from performance, performing attack and defense skills while maintaining high functional efficiency require wrestler having a high level of endurance

Horsol (2008, p960) add that: in spite of short time wrestling match in comparison to many other sporting activities, but wrestler having specific endurance is able to continue combating during the game as well as completing the tournament.

Qutb (2002, p12) confirms that specific endurance training and its components improve physical and functional variables, as well as skill variables for wrestlers

Mahmoud (1982, p53) argue that wrestler acquire your endurance through skills training and competitive wrestling and that the best preparation for wrestling is wrestling itself

Table (6) and Figure (2) show statistically significant differences between pre and post measurements of

functional measurements in favor of post-measurements. Researchers attribute this improvement to the nature of proposed training program which used specific endurance exercises.

Specific endurance exercises improve lungs efficiency and capacity and positively affect heart and circulatory system, where it leads to a decrease in heart rate at rest, and work on the widening blood vessels and increase its elasticity and increasing the heart's ability to push more blood per minute. (Abdel-Rahman,2000: p12) (ElSayed & Noor, 2003: pp3.4)

Sharaf (2009, p226) argues tht physical exercise improves functional efficiency where oxygen pulse is one of measurements of heart efficiency as an index expresses the blood amount pushed from the heart in each pulse.

Scientific consensus confirm that standardized training is one of the most important factors that lead to improve functional processes which confers on its practitioners some functional changes that occur under the influence of training loads the organization, because the software and training loads are considered stimuli purposeful lead to elevate the level of physical, functional and skill to reach high levels. (Abdel Wahab, 1995: p71) (Hammad, 2009: 70)

Abdel-Fattah, (1997, p179) mentions that specific endurance lead to maximum use of functional abilities to resist fatigue and continue training and competition effectively to achieve high results in specialized activity

Tolan et al (2012, p76) mention that specific endurance has essential role in sporting achievements because it is related to efficiency type and its need extent to enable athlete to continue performance through availability of sufficient and appropriate endurance to face physical and functional effort and resist external influences that may face the athlete during performance. Specific endurance lead also as help athlete to face and accomplish some tactic requirements with high efficiency and easy performance whether in competition or training as specific endurance level integration lead to fewer tactic errors and lack of endurance lead to the contrary..

#### Conclusions:

- 1- Post-measurements for all physical variables (under study) were better than pre-measurements during wrestlers' anaerobic change threshold.
- 2- Post-measurements for all Functional indicators (under study) were better than pre-measurements during wrestlers' anaerobic change threshold.

#### **Recommendations:**

- 1- Using the proposed exercises program with specific endurance exercises in wrestling sport to improve physical and functional variables during wrestlers' anaerobic change threshold, and in turn improve performance level and access highest performance levels.
- 2- Using the proposed exercises program with specific endurance exercises in sports generally, and specifically in individual combat sports to improve physical and functional variables during anaerobic change threshold, and in turn improve athletes' performance level and access highest performance levels.
- 3- More studies to be conducted using various exercises type as per standardized training program to check its effectiveness.
- 4- This study results to be communicated to Egyptian Federation of Wrestling to be benefited with during preparation of Egyptian wrestling team.

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