High Intensity Interval Training





Why You MUST Use Intervals

- Interval Training increases total WORK performed at higher intensity resulting in:
 - Faster improvement in VO2 Max
 - Greater adaptation of Type II Muscle Fibers
 - Increased Lactate & Ventilatory Thresholds
 - Increased Weight Loss



High Intensity Intervals

- Tabata (1996)
 - 6 weeks Training Study
 - Continuous: 5 days/wk; 70% VO₂; 60 min.
 - H.I.I.T. 4 days/wk; 20 sec. work (170%VO₂max), 10 sec. rest; 7-8 sets; 1 day/wk-70% VO2; 30 min.
- H.I.I.T.
 - VO₂ 7ml/kg/min and Anaerobic Performance 28%
 - Continuous VO₂ 5ml/kg/min Anaerobic 0%

Intervals Increase Weight Loss By:



- Increases Total
 Calorie Expenditure
 During the Workout
- Increases Fat
 Utilization both During
 and After Exercise
- Increases Excess
 Post-Exercise
 Oxygen Consumption
 (E.P.O.C.) The
 Afterburn

What is E.P.O.C.?

- O₂ Consumption Necessary to Return to the Pre-Exercise Physiological Resting State
 - Replacing oxygen stores,
 - Phosphagen (ATP-PC) resynthesis,
 - Lactate removal, and
 - The increased ventilation, blood circulation and body temperature above pre-exercise levels

Expend More Calories at REST

 Studies have shown increases of additional 10-160 kcals over the course of 24 hours



Enhancing EPOC

- Studies show that EPOC is dependent on both the intensity and duration of exercise
 - Bahr and Sejersted (1991)
 - Smith andMcNaughton (1993)
 - Phelian et al. (1997)



Impact of Training Status & Gender

- Gender
 - Smith and McNaughton (1993)
 - 30 minutes at 70% VO2Max
 - Men 141 kcal; Women 122 kcal
 - Increased Lipoprotein Lipase (LPL) activit4 386.5 Th2(se)

DESIGNING INTERVAL PROGRAMS

- Training Variables
 - Work
 - Rest/Recovery
 - Cycles/Repetitions
 - Sets



WORK

- Exercise performed at a higher intensity
- Time & Intensity factors
 - Client's goals, motivation, fitness level, health, and energy system you want to challenge (sport-specific)
- The higher the intensity the shorter the work interval

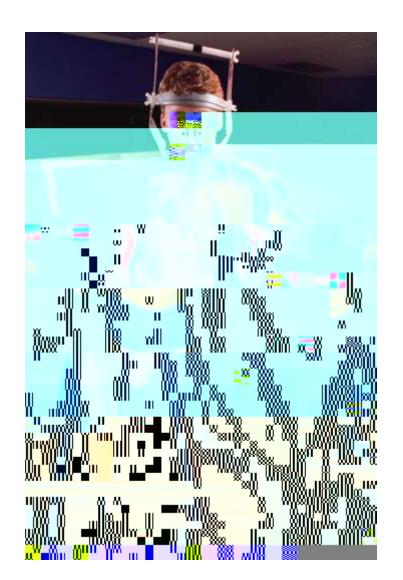


REST/RECOVERY

Lower intensity

CYCLES/REPETITIONS

- Refers to a complete work/rest interval
- Similar to a repetition in weight training
- Can be repeated 1-20 times



SETS

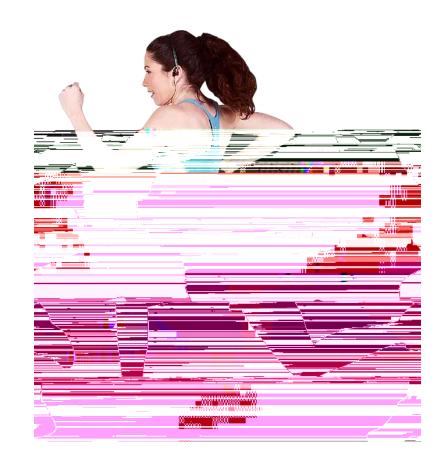


- The number of times a series of cycles will be performed in a given exercise session
- A longer rest period is given between sets

Programming Intervals Based on Energy Demands

Phosphagen System

- Glycogen System
- Aerobic System



Phosphagen System

Substrate	Stored ATP/CP
Duration	< 30 sec.
Intensity	95% - 100% Max
Examples	100 meter sprint; power lifting
Evaluation	Vertical Jump

Glycogen/Lactic Acid System

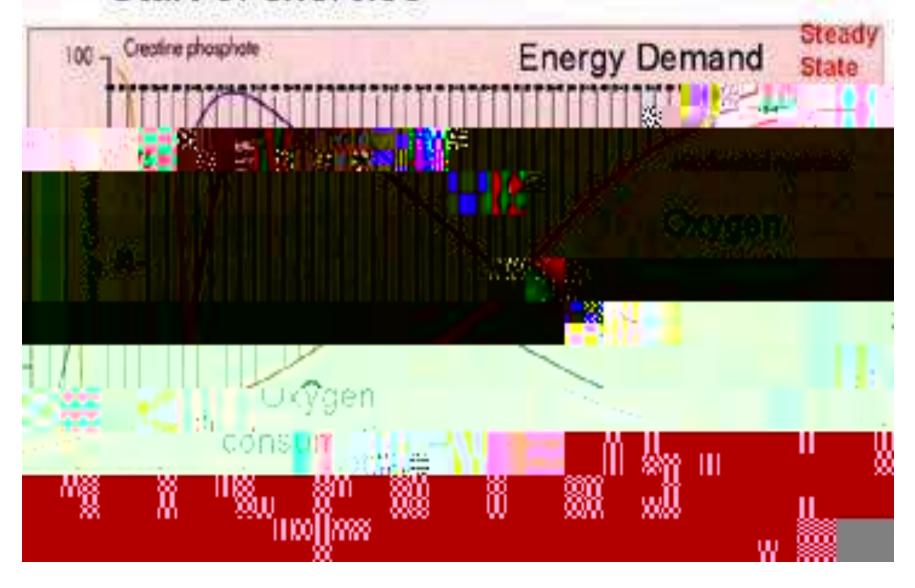
Substrate	Glucose, glycogen
Duration	30 sec. –3 min.
Intensity	85% - 95% Max
Examples	400-800 meter run
Evaluation	300-Yard Shuttle Run

Aerobic System

Substrate	Glucose, glycogen, fatty acids, amino acids
Duration	> 3 min.
Intensity	< 85% Max
Examples	>1500 m run, > 3000 m cycling
Evaluation	1.5 Mile Run

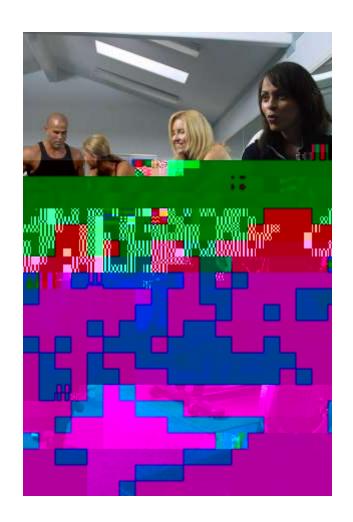
System	Work	Rest/Type	Reps	Sets
ATP/PC (Strength & Power)	0-30 sec	0-90 sec Passive	8-10	4-5
Glycogen	30-60 sec	90-180 sec Active/Passive	5	3-4
(Speed)	60-120 sec	120-240 sec Active	5	2-3
Aerobic	2-3 min	2-6 min/Active	4-6	1-2
(endurance)	3-5 min	1 ½ -5 min. Active/Passive	3-6	1

Start of exercise



Thresholds in Interval Training

- Anaerobic Threshold
- Lactate Threshold
- Ventilatory Threshold



Anaerobic vs. Lactate Threshold

- Anaerobic Threshold
 - point at which energy demand shifts from aerobic to anaerobic
- Lactate Threshold
 - The intensity of exercise at which there is an abrupt increase in blood lactate levels
 - 80-90% HRR in trained individuals
 - 50-60% HRR in untrained individuals
 - 13 to 15 on the RPE scale
 - 'somewhat hard' and 'hard'

Ventilatory Threshold



- The point where ventilation deviates from the progressive linear increase
- Breathing becomes labored beyond the Ventilatory Threshold

Psychology of Interval Training

- Interval Training creates significant distress especially for untrained individuals
 - Excessive Lactate and H+ Accumulation
 - Respiratory Difficulty
 - Core Temp increases triggering cooling mechanisms (i.e. sweating)
- Intensity and Duration selection must meet the psychological preparedness of the individual

Heart Rate Zone Training

- Zone 1: 50-60%:
 - Heart Healthy
- Zone 2: 60-70%:
 - Fitness or FatBurning
- Zone 3: 70-80%
 - Aerobic or Endurance

- Zone 4: 80-90%
 - Anaerobic or Performance
- Zone 5: 90-100%
 - Red Line or Maximum Effort

Example

50 year old female; RHR; 66

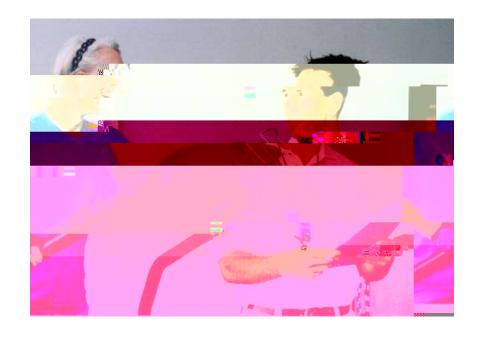
- Max HR:
 - -220-50=170
 - 170 * Zone 2 = 102-119
- Max HR 40+:
 - -207 (50 * .7) = 172
 - 172 * Zone 2
 - -60% = 104
 - -70% = 121

HRR:

- -170 66 = 104
- 104 * Zone 2 = 62.4/72.8
- -62.4 + 66 = 128
- -72.8 + 66 = 139

Perceived Exertion

- Borg's Rating of Perceive Exertion or RPE Scale
 - -6 to 20
- Common
 Perceived Exertion
 - -0.5 to 10



Beginner Interval Program

- By Perceived Exertion
 - -5-7 min. warm-up
 - -5 min. run
 - -5 min. walk
 - -Repeat 3x's
 - -5-7 min. cool-down

- By Heart Rate Zone
 - -5-7 min. warm-up
 - -1 min. Zone 3
 - -2 min. Zone 2
 - -Repeat 5x's
 - -5-7 min. cool-down

Sample Treadmill Program

week	k work rest		cycles
1-2	3 mph; 1 min	2.5 mph; 3 min	10
3-4	3 mph; 90 sec	2.5 mph; 2 ½ min	10
5-6	3 mph; 2 min	2.5 mph; 2 min	10
7-8	3.0 mph; 2 ½ min	2.5 mph; 90 sec	10
9-10	3 mph; 3 min	2.5 mph; 1 min	10
11-12	3 mph; 3 ½ min	2.5 mph; 30 sec	10

Intermediate Interval Program

- By Heart Rate Zone
 By Perceived
 - -5-7 min. warm-up
 - -2 min. Zone 4
 - -3 min. Zone 2
 - -Repeat 5x's
 - -5-7 min. cool-down

- By Perceived Exertion
 - -5 min. warm-up
 - -10 min. run
 - -5 min. walk
 - -Repeat 2x's
 - -5 min. cool-down

Treadmill Intervals

- Incline Training
- Recovery
 - Comfortable Speed 3 min.; 0 % grade
- Work Interval
 - Same Speed
 - 2% grade for 1 minute
 - 4% grade for 1 minute
 - 6% grade for 1 minute

- Speed Training
- Recovery
 - Comfortable Speed 3 min.; 0 % grade
- Work Interval
 - Same Grade
 - speed 1/2 mph 1 min
 - speed 1/2 mph 1 min
 - speed 1/2 mph 1 min

Intermediate/Advanced Intervals

Programming Advice

- Novice athletes/clients should train mostly EASY
- For intermediate to advanced athletes/clients
 - 2-3 times per week
 - <8-10% of total weekly mileage OR exercise time</p>
 - Cut back Intervals during competitive season
 - Adjust interval pace for factors such as heat, humidity, altitude, headwinds, pollen count, etc.
 - Allow for 48 hours rest between interval sessions

Cardio Interval Variations

Pyramids/Ladders

 Systematically increasing the time or distance of the work and rest intervals

Mixed Intervals

 Varying the time or distance with each subsequent work/rest interval

• Pick-Ups

Increase speed for 10-30 seconds at regular or irregular intervals

Example: Pyramids or Ladders

Zone	Distance	Rest	Time	Rest
5	200 M	200 M	30 s	30 s
5	400 M	400 M	90 s	90 s
5	800 M	400 M	3 min	90 s
4	1200 M	600 M	6 min	3 min
4	1600 M	800 M	8 min	4 min

- Repeat in Descending Order
- Every 400 M = 1/4 mile

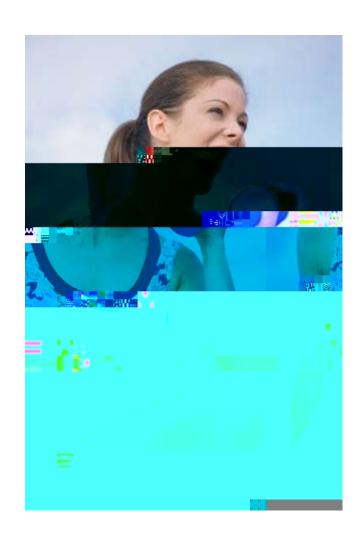
Example: Mixed Intervals

Zone	Distance	Rest	Time	Rest
5	800 M	300 M	3 min	60 s
5	300 M	200 M	60 s	40 s
4	1200 M	400 M	6 min	2.5 min
5	600 M	200 M	2.5 min	40 s min
4	1600M	600M	8 min	2.5 min

Go With the Flow

Fartlek training

- Work/Rest Interval durations and intensity are dependent on subjective monitoring of intensity
- Work as hard as you feel motivated to
- Rest as long as you need to



Suggested Race Training Intervals

Race Distance	Interval Distance
5K	200-800M
10K	400-1200M
½ Marathon	400-2000M
Marathon	800-3200M

Sprint/Metabolic Intervals

- Total Workout Time: <40 minutes
 - Warm-up 5-7 minutes
 - Work Interval:
 - Sprint 30 sec (95%+; Run/Cycle for your life!)
 - Recovery Interval:

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Sprint Intervals

Example: Sprinter/Track Program



Sprint Intervals:

- Set 1-4 x 220 yds
- Set 2-8 x 110 yds
- Set 3-8 x 110 yds

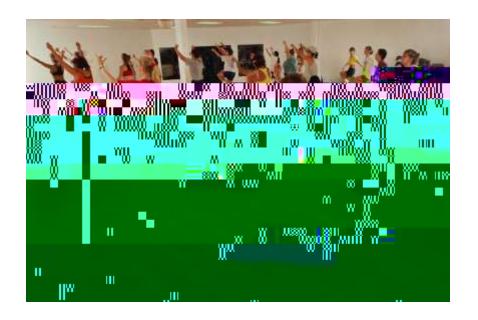
Accelerations:

- Jog 50-120 yds
- Sprint 50-120 yds
- Walk 50-120 yds

Group Fitness Intervals

Adding Intensity

Increase
movement speed
Add traveling
moves
Increase ROM, use
longer levers
Add propulsions



GROUP FIT: AEROBIC INTERVAL

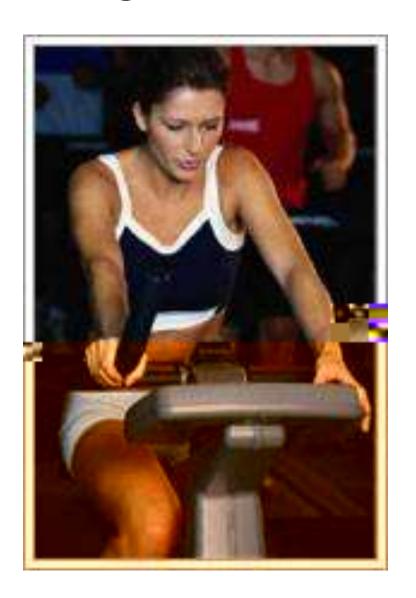
Type	Intensity	Time
	% HRR	
Work-high/low	> 75%	3 –
Aerobics/step	RPE 14 – 16	

Time

GROUP FIT: ANAEROBIC INTERVAL

Type	Intensity	Time
	% HRR	
Work-power	> 80%	60 – 90 sec.
step/aerobics	RPE 14 – 18	
Rest-	60 – 70%	3 minute
aerobic/step	RPE 12 - 13	

DON'T MAKE THIS MISTAKE!



- Some instructors and participants may be accustomed to or mistakenly desire continuously high work intensities
- Incomplete or inadequate rest limits the peak intensity of the subsequent intervals

GROUP TRAINING CIRCUIT

Station 1 Lateral Hops Over Step	Station 2 Push Ups	Station 3 Band Squats
Station 4 Leg Raises	Station 5 Rope Jumping	Station 6 Inverted Pull-Ups or Alternating DB Rows
Station 7		

Resistance Training Intervals

- Tabata Method
 - Barbell or Dumbbell Squats
 - Using 25-40% of 1RM
 - 8 reps followed by 10 sec rest
 - Repeat for 4 minutes
 - STOP Workout!!!
- Not for the weak of heart OR mind
- DO NOT attempt with heavier resistance

Hybrid Intervals/Complexes

- Complex 1
 - Kettlebell Swings
 - Squat-Thrust w/ MaxPush-Ups
 - Sprint 50 yards
- Complex 2
 - Squat Jumps
 - Max Pull-Ups
 - Jog 400 m

