THE INFLUENCE OF SOMATHOTYPE ON THE CHANGES OF AEROBIC ENDURANCE FIELD TEST OF SOCCER PLAYERS AGED 15-17 YEARS

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AIMS

Determination of:

- 1. Somathotype
- 2. Speed of running and total distance covered with Yo-Yo IE2
- 3. The influence of somathotype on the changes of Yo-Yo IE2

of soccer players aged 15-17 years.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

46 soccer players, aged 15-17 years, were included is this study. During a training and competition process of 4 months, three times (at the beginning – P_1 , in the middle - P_2 and after the finishing of this process – P_3), we measured speed of running (km/h) and total distance covered (m) with Yo-Yo intermittent endurance test level 2 on field (Yo-Yo IE2). With Heath-Carter anthropometric somathotype model, we determined 13 categories of somathotype. We used descriptive statistics, ANOVA and multiple regression analysis.

RESULTS

Figure 1. The somathotype of 46 soccer players, aged 15-17 years.



Tabel 1. The changes of speed of running (km/h) and total distance covered (m) with Yo-Yo intermittent endurance test level 2 on field (Yo-Yo IE2) of soccer players, aged 15-17 years, during a training and competition process.

	Speed of running (km/h)	Total distance (m)	
P ₁	14.86	1454.73	
P ₂	15.22	1606.31	
P ₃	15.36	1675.78	
p<0.05	n.s.	n.s.	

Table 2. The influence of somathotype on the changes of speed of running (km/h) and total distance covered (m) with Yo-Yo IE2 of soccer players, aged 15-17 years, during a training and competition process **(only significant influences are presented-***p***<0.05)**.

	Somathotype		Category	of	somathotype
	R	р	beta	В	р
			Balanced	ectomorph	
Speed of running/P ₁	0.76	0.009	0.46	1.0	0.03
			Mesomorph	endomorph	
			-0.44	-0.8	0.04
Total			Balanced	ectomorph	
distance/P ₁	0.73	0.04	0.19	480	0.01

Speed of running/ P_1 – speed of running (km/h) at the beginning of training process

Total distance/ P_1 – total distance covered (m) at the beginning of training process

CONCLUSIONS AND DISCUSION

- Although there was an increase of speed of running and total distance covered with Yo-Yo El2 during the training and competition process, the insignificancy of this increase suggests that there was no serious progress in aerobic capacities of players, aged 15-17 years. The most date from the literature show that increasing of soccer performance is connected with significant increasing of speed of running and total distance covered with Yo-Yo El2 There is a need of a new strategy of increasing the aerobic endurance in training process of these players.
- From 13 categories of somathotypeby Heath-Carter, 10 are presented in young soccer players, with predomination of mesomorh-ectomorph (45%), together with balanced mesomorph (17%), balanced ectomorph (15%) and mesomorph-endomorph (9%).

- Balanced ectomorph young soccer players, presented with 15% in this study, seem to have higher positive influence on of running and total distance covered with Yo-Yo El2 than other somathotypes at the beginning of training process. In other periods of training process this influence is insignificant. Accordinglly, young soccer players with this somathotype could develop better specific aerobic endurance capacities with properly designed training process, but more studies are necessary to support these findings.
- Mesomorph endomorph young soccer players, presented with 9% in this study, seem to have had higher negative influence on of running and total distance covered with Yo-Yo El2 than other somathotypes at the beginning of training process, although in other periods of training process this influence was insignificant. On one side, it seems that young soccer players with this somathotype could not response adequately to

aerobic endurance training process, but on the other side, much more studies are necessary to support these findings.

• Although the need for more studies is obvious, the findings of this study suggest that the determination of somathotype should be a part of selection model in young soccer players.