



EFFECT OF FUNCTIONAL FITNESS TRAINING WITH EQUIPMENTS ON RESTING HEART RATE AND BREATH HOLDING TIME AMONG UNIVERSITY MEN STUDENTS

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Abstract:

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All the subjects of two groups were tested on selected dependent variables by using leg lift with dynamometer and bend knee sit-ups respectively at prior to and immediately after the training programme. The analysis of covariance was used to analyze the significant difference, if any among the groups. The .05 level of confidence was fixed as the level of significance to test the 'F' ratio obtained by the analysis of covariance, which was considered as an appropriate. The results of the study showed that there was a significant difference between functional fitness training with equipments group and control group on resting heart rate and breath holding time. And also it was found that there was a significant change on resting heart rate and breath holding time due to twelve weeks of functional fitness training with equipments.

Key Words: Functional Fitness Training With Equipments, Resting Heart Rate, Breath Holding Time, University Men Students

Introduction:

Functional fitness training with equipment takes the principles of functional movement and enhances them by incorporating various tools and gear to amplify the benefits. This form of exercise goes beyond the typical gym routine, utilizing equipment that challenges the body in a way that closely mirrors real-world activities. By integrating tools such as kettlebells, medicine balls, resistance bands, and more, functional fitness with equipment adds an extra layer of versatility and intensity to your workouts.

In this exploration of functional fitness with equipment, we'll delve into how these tools can be leveraged to improve strength, stability, and overall physical performance. Whether you're a seasoned fitness enthusiast or just starting, the adaptability of equipment-based functional training makes it accessible to individuals of all fitness levels and goals.

The inclusion of equipment allows for targeted muscle engagement, resistance adjustments, and a diverse range of exercises. By simulating everyday movements and challenges with added resistance, functional fitness with equipment not only promotes functional strength but also enhances balance, coordination, and flexibility. The result is a comprehensive workout that translates directly to improved performance in daily activities and sports.

Methodology:

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Analysis of the Data:

Resting Heart Rate:

The analysis of covariance on resting heart rate of the pre and post test scores of functional fitness training with equipments group and control group have been analyzed and presented in table 1.

Table 1: Analysis of Covariance of the Data on Resting Heart Rate of Pre and Post Tests Scores of Functional Fitness Training With Equipments and Control Groups

Test	Functional Fitness Training With Equipments Group	Control Group	Source of Variance	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Squares	Obtained 'F' Ratio
Pre Test							
Mean	73.13	73.27	Between	0.13	1	0.13	0.13
S.D.	0.88	0.85	Within	28.67	28	1.02	
Post Test							
Mean	72.07	73.20	Between	9.63	1	9.63	7.30*
S.D.	1.06	1.05	Within	36.97	28	1.32	
Adjusted Post Test							
Mean	72.13	73.14	Between	7.65	1	7.65	56.86*
			Within	3.63	27	0.13	

* Significant at .05 level of confidence.

(The table values required for significance at .05 level of confidence for 2 and 28 and 2 and 27 are 3.34 and 3.35 respectively).

The table 1 shows that the adjusted post-test means of functional fitness training with equipments group and control group are 72.13 and 73.14 respectively on resting heart rate. The obtained "F" ratio of 56.86 for adjusted post-test means is more than the table value of 3.35 for df 1 and 27 required for significance at .05 level of confidence on resting heart rate.

The results of the study indicated that there was a significant difference between the adjusted post-test means of functional fitness training with equipments group and control group on resting heart rate.

Breath Holding Time:

The analysis of covariance on breath holding time of the pre and post test scores of functional fitness training with equipments group and control group have been analyzed and presented in table 2.

Table 2: Analysis of Covariance of the Data on Breath Holding Time of Pre and Post Tests Scores of Functional Fitness Training with Equipments and Control Groups

Test	Functional Fitness Training With Equipments Group	Control Group	Source of Variance	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Squares	Obtained 'F' Ratio
Pre Test							
Mean	42.53	41.80	Between	4.03	1	4.03	0.07
S.D.	8.15	6.83	Within	1626.13	28	58.08	
Post Test							
Mean	48.87	42.00	Between	353.63	1	353.63	5.92*
S.D.	6.48	6.42	Within	1671.37	28	59.69	
Adjusted Post Test							
Mean	48.56	42.31	Between	291.75	1	291.75	53.16*
			Within	148.20	27	5.49	

* Significant at .05 level of confidence.

(The table values required for significance at .05 level of confidence for 2 and 28 and 2 and 27 are 3.34 and 3.35 respectively).

The table 2 shows that the adjusted post-test means of functional fitness training with equipments group and control group are 48.56 and 42.31 respectively on breath holding time. The obtained "F" ratio of 53.16 for adjusted post-test means is more than the table value of 3.35 for df 1 and 27 required for significance at .05 level of confidence on breath holding time.

The results of the study indicated that there was a significant difference between the adjusted post-test means of functional fitness training with equipments group and control group on breath holding time.

Conclusions:

- There was a significant difference between functional fitness training with equipments group and control group on resting heart rate and breath holding time.
- And also it was found that there was a significant improvement on selected criterion variables such as resting heart rate and breath holding time due to functional fitness training with equipments.

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