

CIRCUIT TRAINING ON THE HANDBALL COURT

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About Circuit Training

- Excellent way to improve agility, strength, stamina.
- Comprises of 6 to 10 exercises.
- One exercise completed after another.
- Each exercise is performed for a specified number of repetitions or for a set time before moving on.
- Between the stations short rest period, between each circuit longer rest.
- The total number of circuits may vary from 2 to 6 depending on the level, the period and the objective training.

Advantages and Disadvantages

Advantages of circuit training are:

- ✓ Develops agility, strength and endurance
- ✓ Appropriate form of training for most sports
- ✓ Can be adjusted to suit age and level of fitness
- ✓ Exercises are simple enough to feel success
- ✓ A wide range of exercises to select from which will maintain the athlete's enthusiasm
- ✓ Encourages disciplined individual work
- ✓ Facilitates collaboration between team mates
- ✓ Exercise routine keeps the athletes focused
- ✓ Encourages team work and team spirit

Disadvantages of circuit training are:

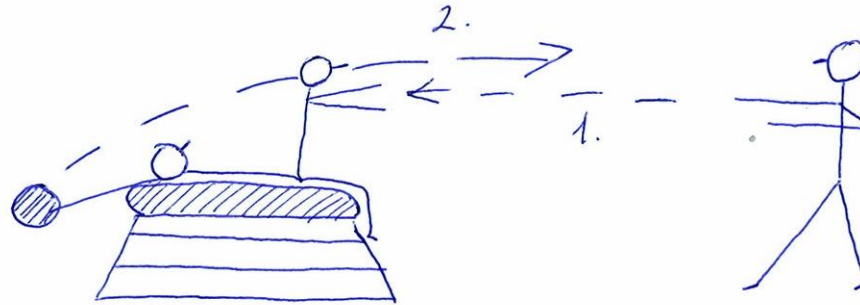
- Many exercises require specialised equipment
- Space required to set up the circuit
- Pre-planning and organisation needed
- Dependent on the number of players
- Can only be conducted where appropriate facilities/equipment are available

Planning

- Identify **3 to 4** circuits of **6 to 10** exercise that can be performed with the available resources.
- Ensure that **no** two consecutive exercises exercise the **same muscle group**.
- Work each body part as follows: **Total-body** -> **Upper-body** -> **Lower-body** -> **Core & Trunk** -> **Total-body** etc.
- For each circuit have a set of **Exercise card** written on:
 - number of station
 - equipment needed
 - required exercise
 - duration of the exercise
 - recovery time.

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THROWING 3 KG MEDICINE BALL WITH TWO HANDS

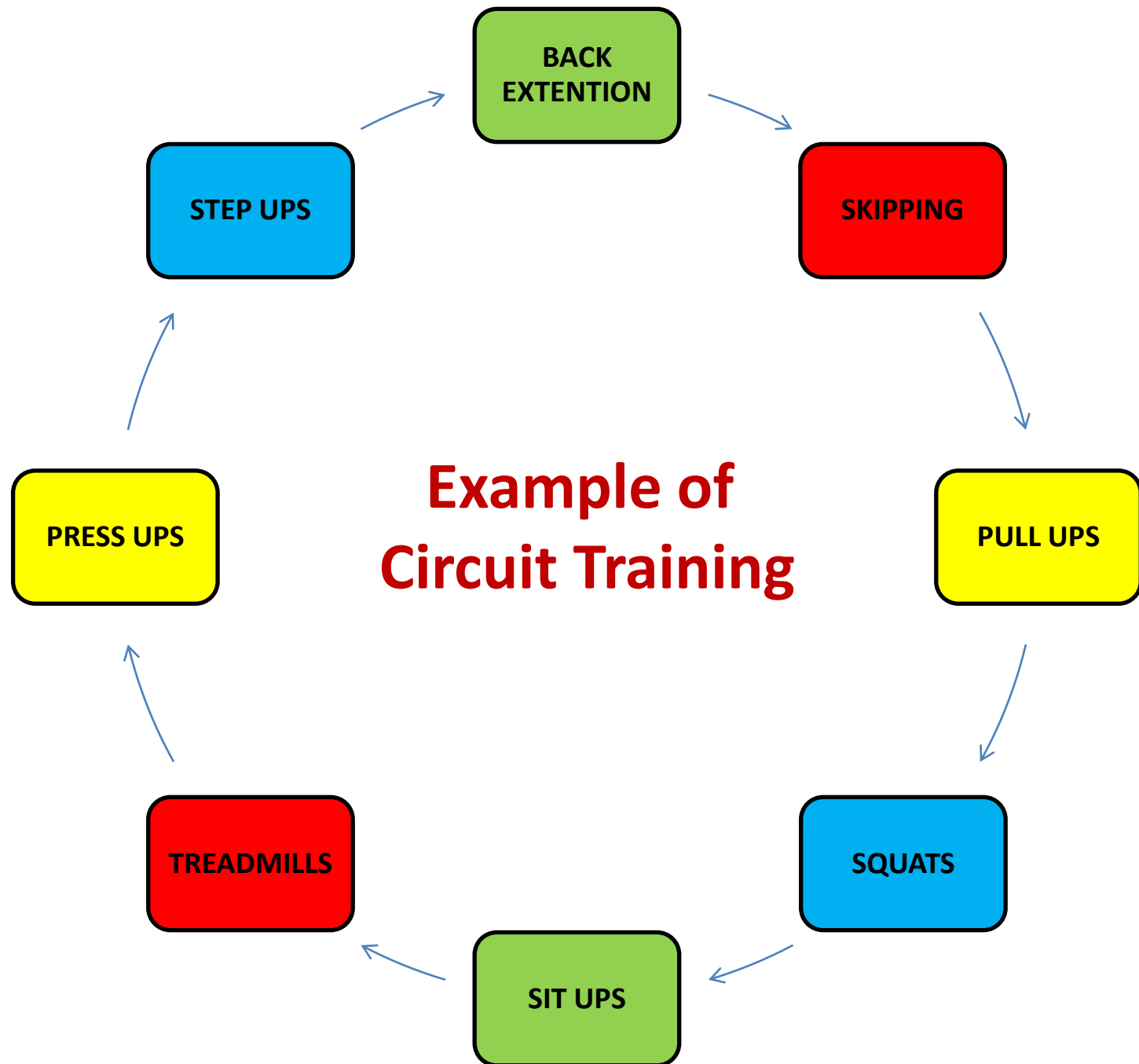


Exercise: **20 sec.**

Rest: **40 sec.**

Repetitions: **x 2**

Coach's hint: **catch on the fall and throw on the rise**



Workload and **Intensity** is a combination and variation of:

- **Number** of the exercises per station (from 1 to 2).
- **Duration** of the exercises can be based on time (e.g. 20 seconds) or number of repetitions (e.g. 25 sit ups).
- **Sets** depends on the aim of the training (6 to 10).
- **Repetitions** based on regular testing (certain % of max. capacity).
- **Recovery** time between the exercises depends on the type of exercise (dynamic strength, strength endurance, endurance/ stamina) and the number of stations

Workload and **Intensity** = **VOLUME** of training

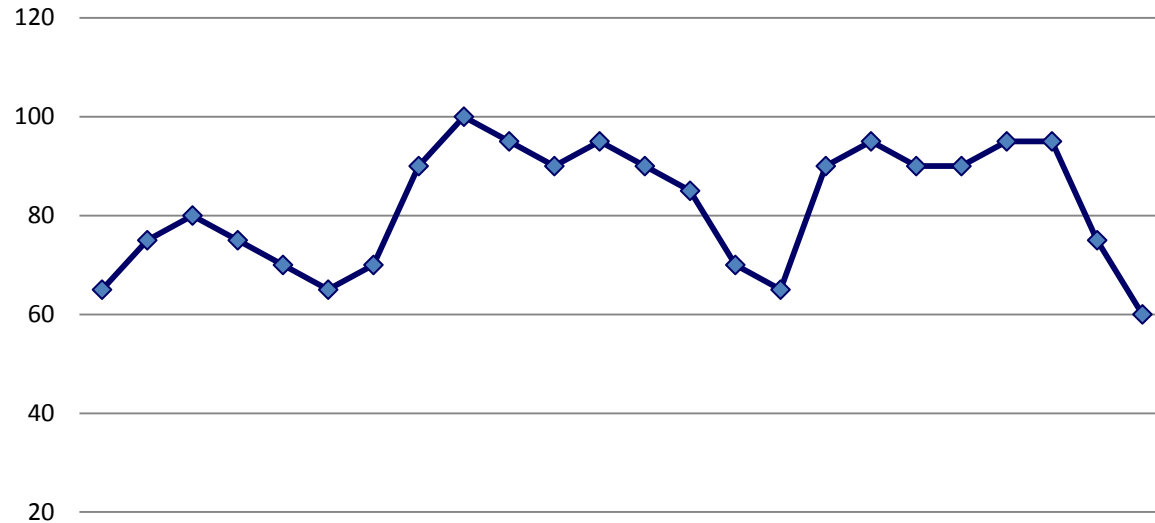
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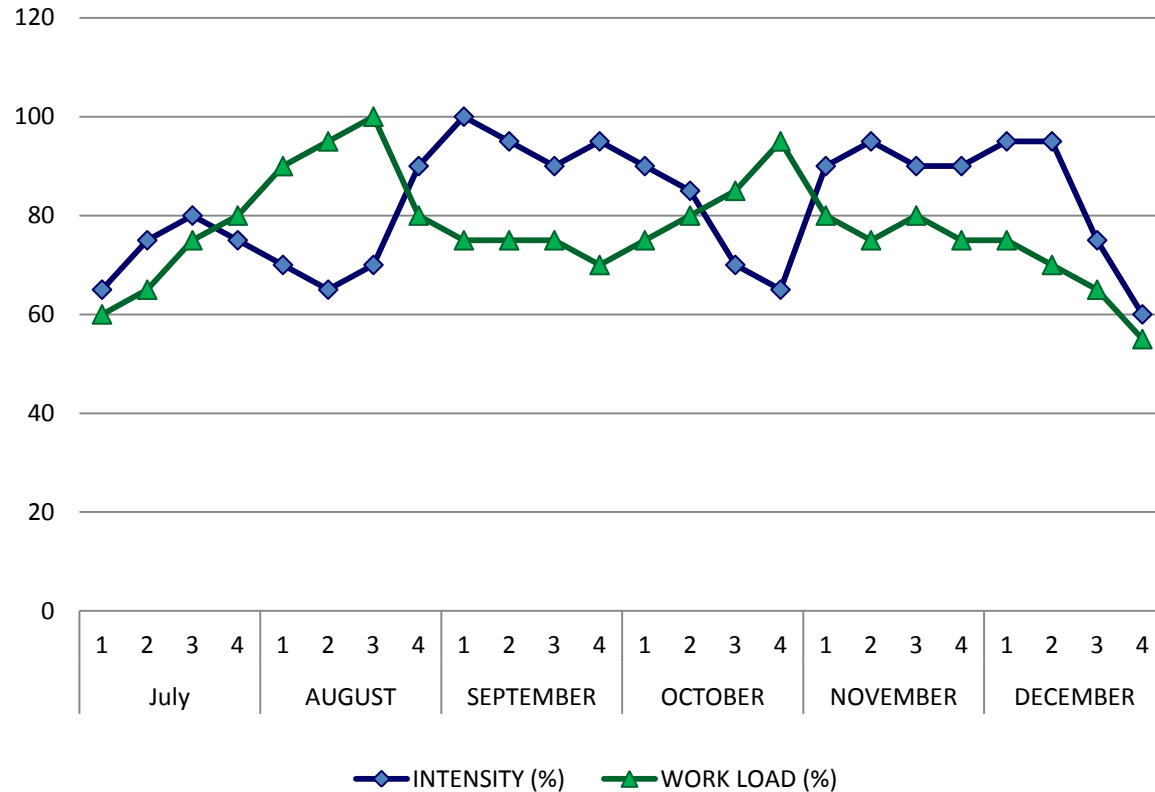


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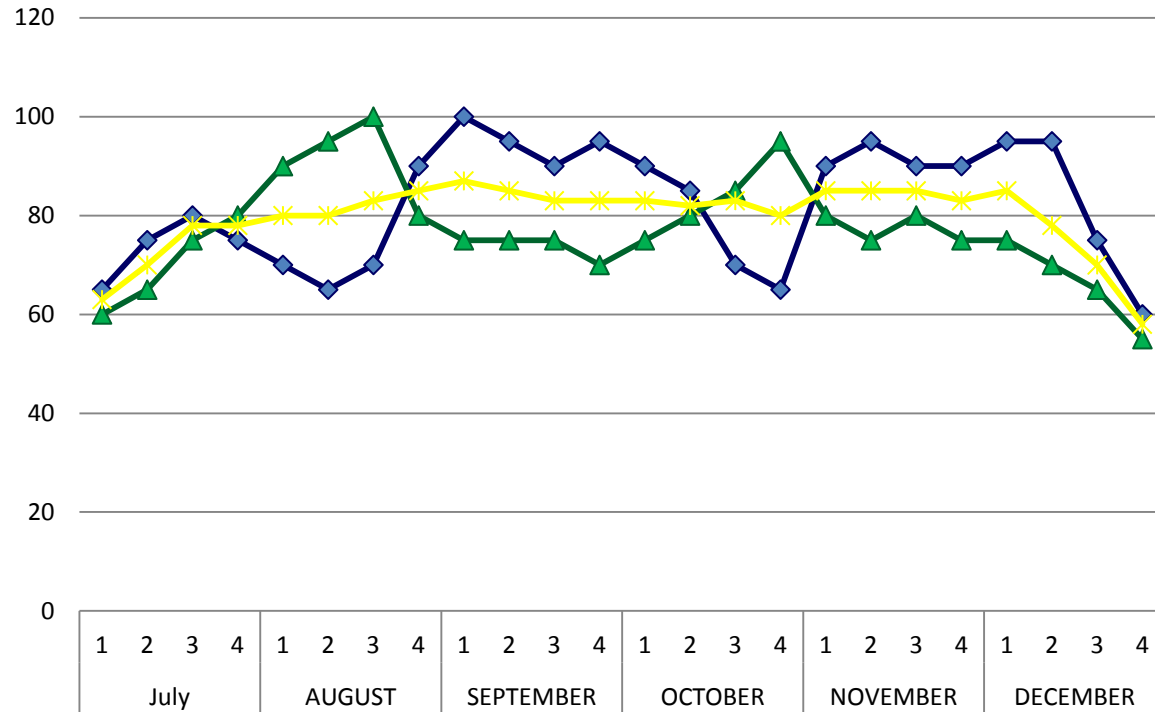
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Practical points

- Most often **even number** of players ideal.
- Exercise stations should have the **same volume**.
- Exercising **one by one** or in **pairs**.
- When **two players** per station:
 - both players doing the same exercises
 - both players doing different exercises at once
 - one player working the other assisting
 - one player working the other resting
- Starting and finishing for a **whistle signal**.
- Selecting **general** or handball **specific** exercises.
- Starting with **warm up** and **cool down** after exercises.
- Clear **demonstration** and **explanation** before the start.

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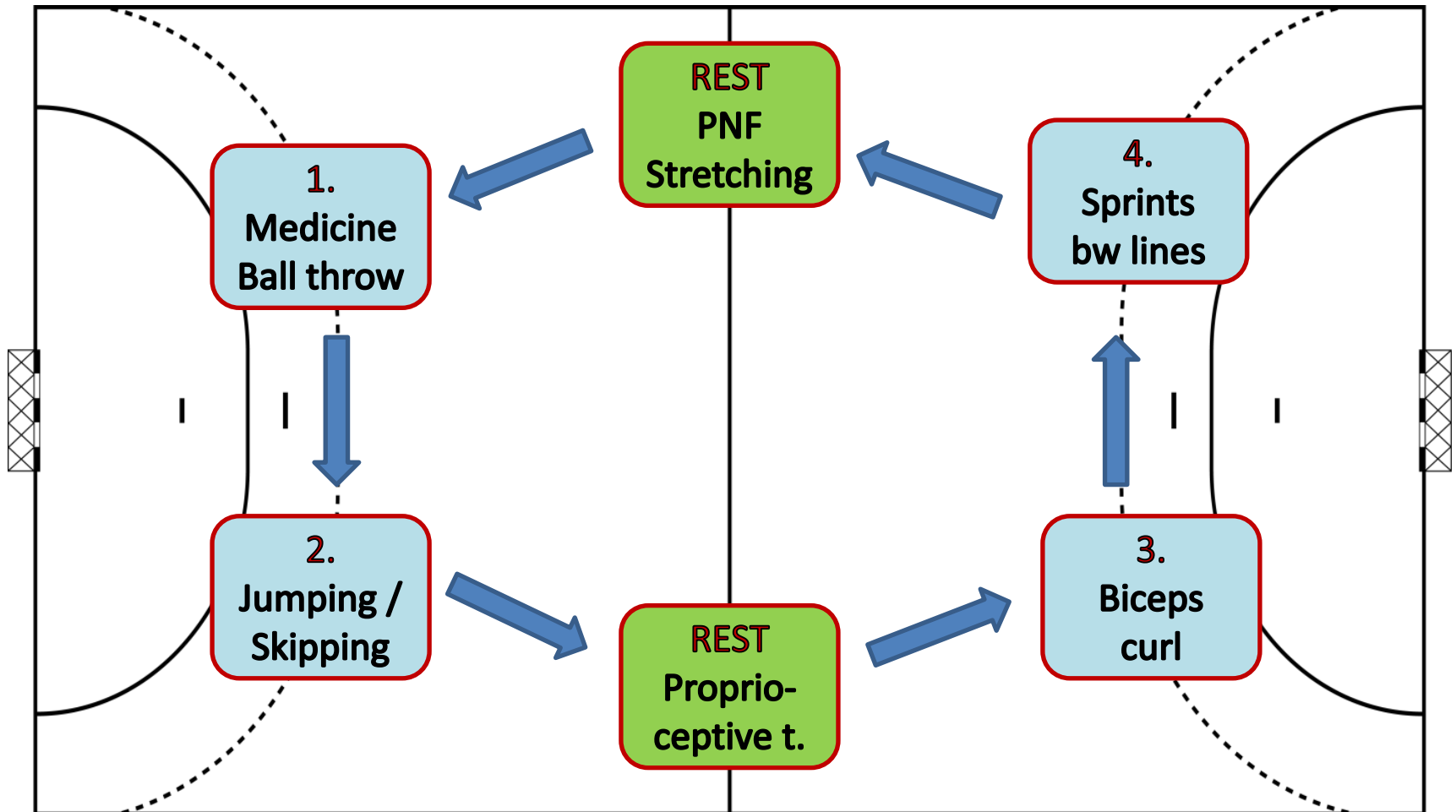
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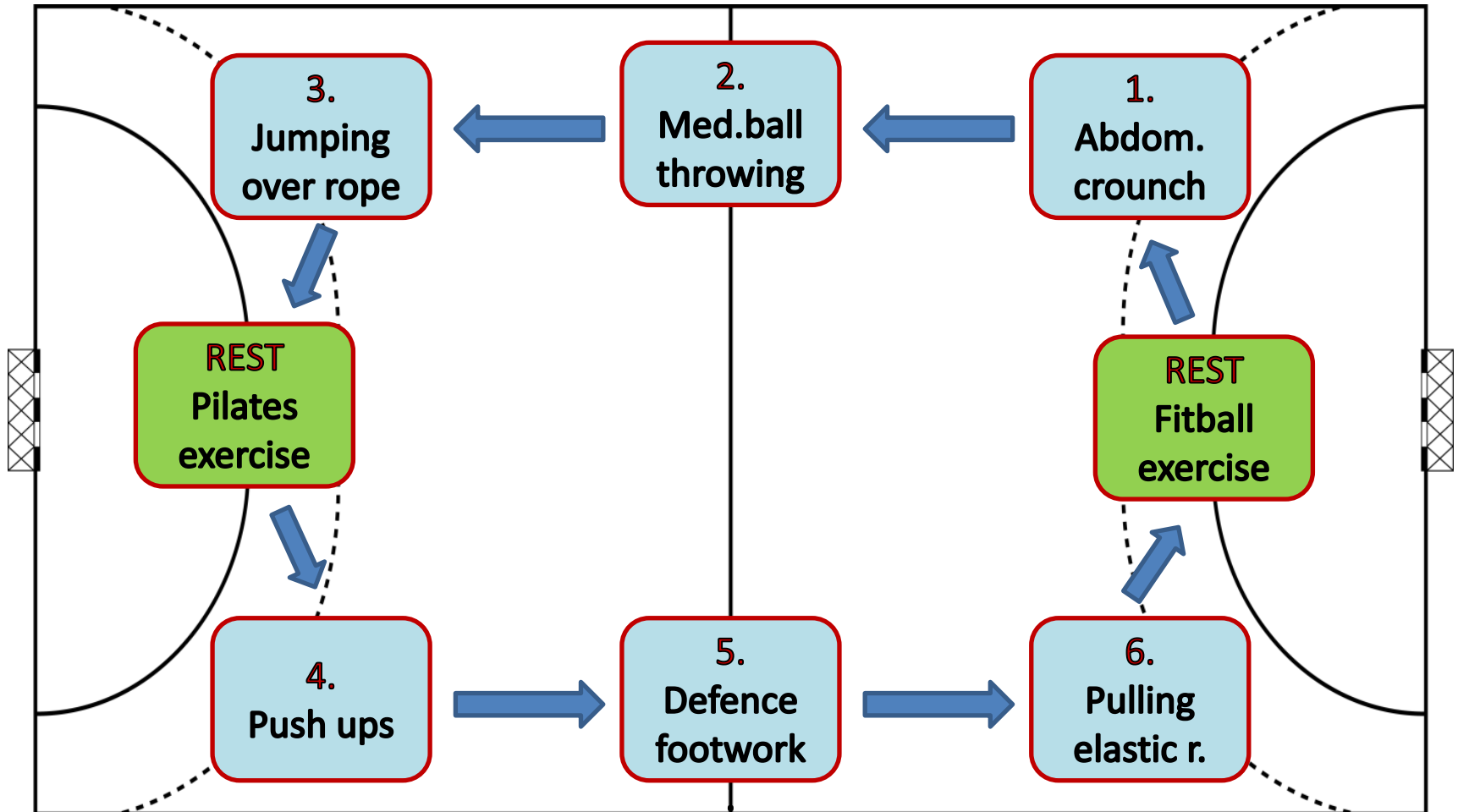
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Exercise selection	Motor Ability	Ability + Skill	Skill + Stamina

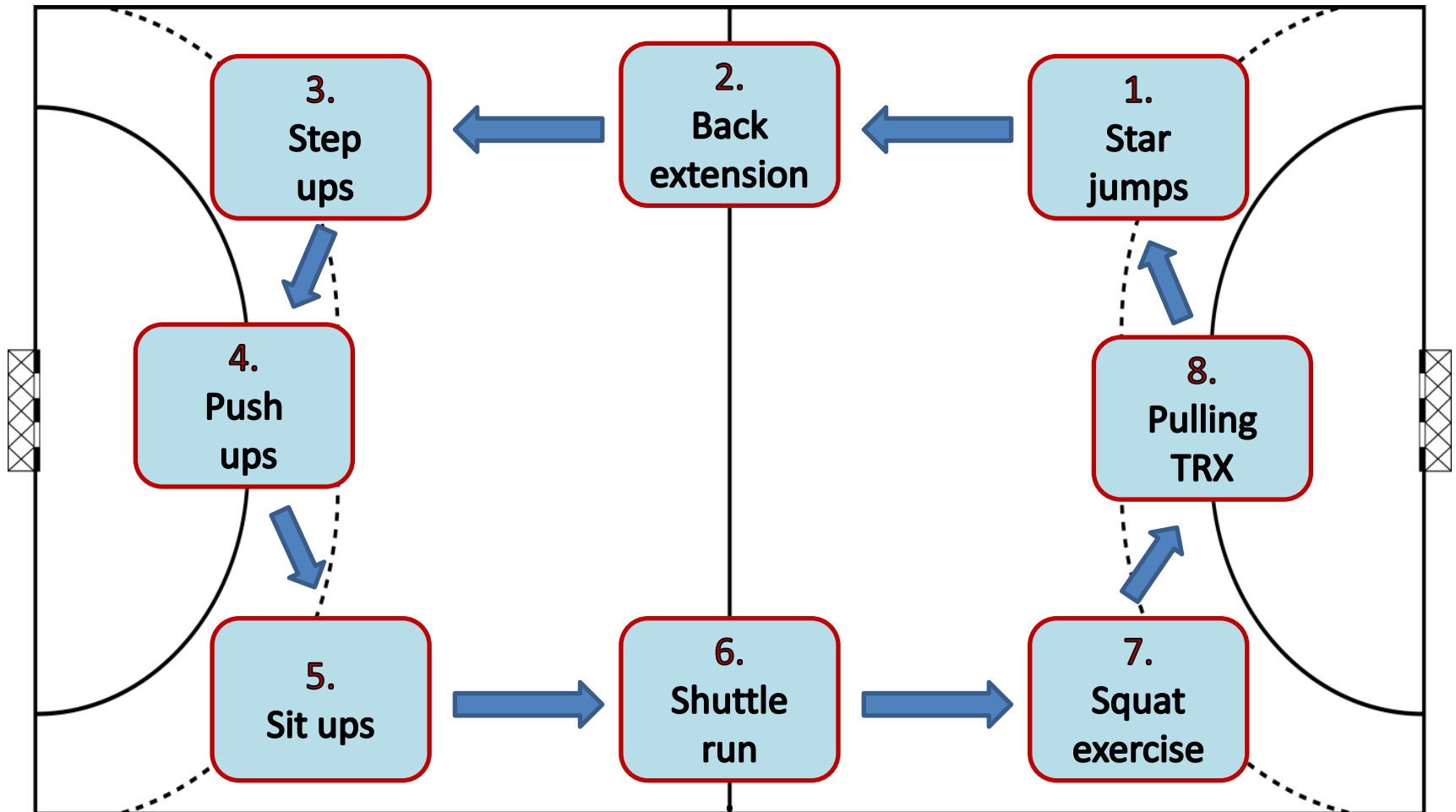
Example 1 – Dynamic strength



Example 2 – Strength-endurance



Example 3 – Endurance / Stamina



Main sources

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