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# The Importance of Strength & Conditioning for Boxing

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# Introduction to Strength and Conditioning

# **Absence of Strength and Conditioning**

What happens when we don't do Strength and Conditioning Training?

*Injuries* 











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## What is Strength and Conditioning

Strength and conditioning is using exercises to train our bodies to be able to sustain through sport and perform to our best.









S&C includes all the different activities that help improve sports performance – improving balance, increasing strength, power speed and agility as well as Aerobic and anearobic capacity of the athlete.





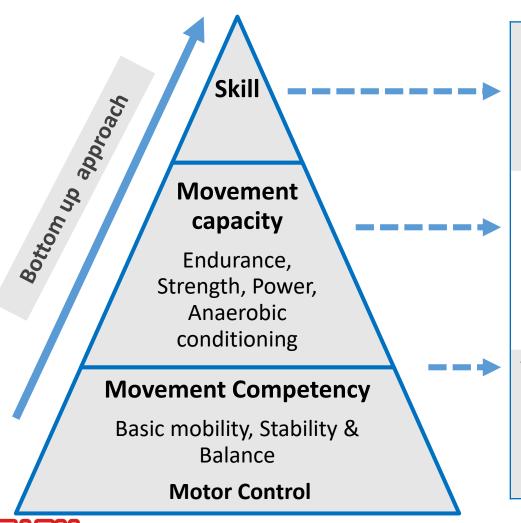






# **Movement Pyramid**

## **Movement / Performance Pyramid**



Whether we choose to run, swim, lift weights or play a sport like boxing, a basic level of skill and technique is required to perform these activities safely

Having basic movement capacity, on top of a solid movement foundation, enhances our resilience against injuries.

These qualities are strongly correlated with our bodies' durability. We are more resilient and less likely to miss training or competition because of a non-impact injury









# Aspects of Strength and Conditioning

# **Mobility and Stability (1/2)**



## Mobility



Joints & muscles to *move freely* without any restrictions

### **Stability**



Structure *maintaining a position* despite external force





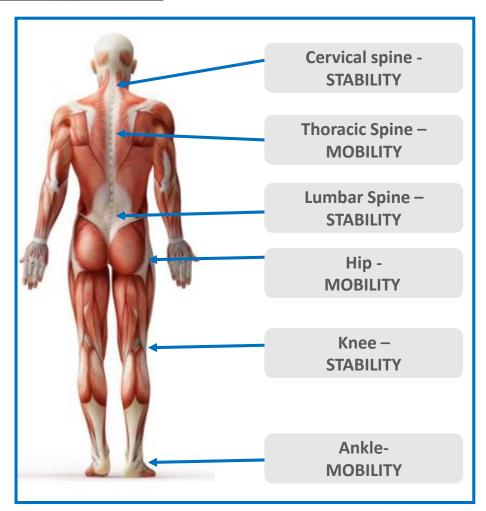
### **Mobility and Stability (2/2)**

#### **Joint by Joint Approach**

Movements around specific joints most used in the individual activity or sport

Dysfunction usually seen *above or* below the immobile/ unstable joint

For example, if an athlete has poor wrist mobility, the elbow might become more mobile instead of stabile and this might lead to pain in the shoulder, elbow or wrist because of compensatory movements







### **Balance**



Balance is an ability to maintain the line of gravity of a body within the base of support with minimal postural sway.



Dodging a punch



Single Leg Balance





# Strength

#### Strength is the maximal force you can apply against a load





Hard Punch



Split Squat





### **Power**

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#### The ability to exert a maximal force in as short a time as possible



Fast knockout Punch



Medicine ball Lateral Throw





## **Anaerobic Power and Aerobic Capacity**



# Anaerobic Power

High Intensity

Short Duration (few seconds)

Without presence of Oxygen

Examples – Sprints

# Aerobic Capacity

Low Intensity

Long Duration (few minutes)

With the presence of Oxygen

Example – Jogging





#### **Anaerobic Power**



# Power used in high-intensity bouts of exercise lasting fewer than ten seconds

**Full Body Circuit Training** 

Target HR 83-93% of max HR

Higher amounts of energy and for energy to be available quickly







## **Aerobic Capacity**

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We need oxygen to produce energy. In order to produce energy



Maintain repetitive high-intensity actions

Accelerates the recovery process

keep the boxer fit until the last round and/or match





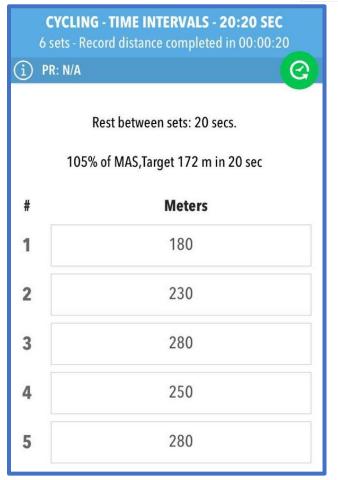
### **Conditioning**

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#### Training the body to tolerate the demands of the sport



Activity to Rest Ratio



Sample training program





# **Agility**





Change of Direction/position in response to a stimulus

**Reactive Component** 

Visual processing
Timing
Reaction time
Perception
Anticipation









# **Training Principles for Strength Training**

# **Knee Dominant**

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#### **Single Leg Squat**



**Split Squat** 



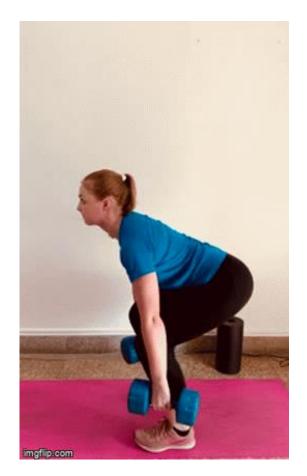




# Hip Dominant (1/2)

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#### **Deadlift**











# Hip Dominant (2/2)



#### **Hip Thrusts**







# **Upper Body Pull Exercise**

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#### **Bent Over Rows**



# Three Point Dumbbell Row







# **Upper Body Push Exercise**

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#### **Shoulder Press**







# **Core Dominant (1/2)**



#### Kneeling Woodchop



Pallof Press





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# Core Dominant (2/2)



#### **Thread the Needle**







# **Plyometric (Power) Exercise**

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#### **Squat Jumps**











**S&C** Myths v/s Science

### **Myths vs Science**



#### **MYTH:**

Weight training makes you slow

#### **FACT:**

Lifting weight with proper technique and ROM is key

#### **MYTH**

Messes up punching mechanics

#### **FACT:**

Proper weight training will improve velocity & force in ROM

#### **MYTH**

Conditioning only boxing

#### **FACT:**

Efficient with energy outputs.
Controlled environment leads to sustained result









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