# Coaching the 100/110m Hurdles

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### INTRODUCTION

- Overview of the 100/110m Hurdle race:
  - Know your parameters!
  - Perfect planning almost makes perfect! (80%-20% rule)
  - Coach the person first, the athlete second!



### TALENT IDENTIFICATION

 Know what to look for in a potential hurdler....





### TALENT IDENTIFICATION

- Body Type
- Multi sport background (esp. gymnastics)
- Speed
- Mentality
- Strength
- Skill/Coordination (Rhythm)



### TALENT IDENTIFICATION

- · Use of testing:
  - 30m Fly
  - 30m Stand
  - Over Head Back Shot
  - Between Legs
     Forward Shot
  - Standing Triple Jump
  - Standing Long Jump
  - Max Jones Quad
  - Speed Bounds



### TALENT IDENTIFICATION

- Convert your best sprinter!!!
- Take 100m/200m sprinter for short hurdle race
- Take 400m sprinter for long hurdle race



### **BIOMOTOR ABILITIES**

- THE 5 "S's"!
  - Speed
  - Strength
  - Skill
  - Stamina
  - Suppleness



# COMMON PROBLEMS OF THE YOUTH HURDLER:

- Underdeveloped biomotor abilities
- Lack of take-off mechanics
- Lack of rhythm
- Mental tenacity
- Young training age
- Inability to apply force (lack of power)



### **TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- The Start &
   Acceleration......
- √ sound technique
- √ "push" mechanics
- √ 8 step approach
- ✓ only one chance to accelerate
- √ coaching cues



### **TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- HURDLING.....
- Sprint Mechanics
- Prep for take-off
- Take-off
- Clearance
- Landing



### TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- · Sprint between
- 3-step rhythm
- Apply force (use the ground)
- Sprint through not to!
- · Rehearsed finish



# COACHING & TEACHING STRATEGIES

- 11 separate accelerations
- The race in 3 parts:
  - 1. Accel through 4H
  - 2. Stabilization of rhythm 4H-7H
  - 3. Rhythm endurance 8H-10H



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# COACHING & TEACHING STRATEGIES

- TAKE-OFF MECHANICS
  - Use of cues
  - Hurdle entry determines hurdle exit
  - Focus is on using the ground and applying force at T-O
  - Most time spent on this aspect



## USE OF "DISCOUNTED" HURDLES FOR ACCELERATION, SPEED, AND & RYTHYM DEVELOPMENT

"Discounted" Hurdles = Refers to decreased spacing between hurdles AND/OR lower hurdle heights (as opposed to regulation hurdle height and distance).

### IMPROVE ACCELERATION: Teach "cutstep"

 Distance to 1st Hurdle
 Hurdle Height

 Men
 13.22m
 39"

 Women
 12.5m
 30"

 Boys
 12.7m
 36"

 Girls
 12.0m
 27"-30"

### ADDITIONAL STRIDES TO ACCELERATION PATTERN: Teach velocity going into and off

		10-STEP Approach	Hurdle Heigh
	Men	16.5m	39"
	Women	16.0m	30"
	Boys	16.0m	36"
	Girls	15.5m	27"-30"

## USE OF "DISCOUNTED" HURDLES FOR ACCELERATION, SPEED, AND & RYTHYM DEVELOPMENT (Con't)

## STABILIZATION OF MAX VELOCITY & RYTHYM: Teach rythymic unit and velocity

### ADD ADDITIONAL STRIDES: Teach rythym endurance and velocity in late race

 Men
 13.0-13.5m
 39"

 Women
 11.5-12.0m
 30"

 Boys
 12.5-13.0m
 36"

 Girls
 11.0-11.5m
 27"-30"

# CONSIDERATIONS FOR SETTING UP THE TRAINING PROGRAM

- Know demands of event
- Periodization (trng blocks)
- Sequencing
- Teaching Progressions
- Use of Menu's
- Drills
- Circuits
- · Strength/Power dev'p
- Warm Ups/Cool Downs



### CONSIDERATIONS FOR SETTING UP THE TRAINING PROGRAM

- Demands of the High Hurdles: Understanding Ground-Force application
  - As G-F increases, then speed increases
  - As ground contact time decreases, then speed increases
  - What happens in air=passive / what happens on ground=active
     A hurdler can never be too strong! Must dev'p max force/power
  - Applying max force in the right direction/right position/right place in least amt of time.
- Additionally
  - Attack mentality
  - Kinesthetic Awareness (rhythm, str length, str freq, spacial)
  - Priorities include
    - Speed!
    - Acceleration!
       Mechanics!
    - Strength/Power!
    - Flexibility

### **SEQUENCING:**

- •Training programs should be developed and taught in a SEQUENCE and PROGRESSION (i.e. partwhole/ simple-complex/ general-specific, etc.)
- •The five biomotor abilities in the annual plan should also be sequenced appropriately.
- \*This will produce the best results over the long haul! Be patient!

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### **SEQUENCING:**

### FOR EXAMPLE.....THE "RULES":

SPEED: acceleration - max velocity - speed endurance

STRENGTH: general/postural- endurance- max strength- power dev'p-

SKILL: stationary drills - marching drills - speed hurdling

STAMINA: ext. tempo - int. tempo - speed endurance

SUPPLENESS: ROM gradually increases w/static stretch or PNF or hip

### Training Program Set Up: Use of Menus

- **Technical Development** 
  - Hurdle runs/drills, specific muscle mov't routine, sprint mechanic runs/drills
- Core strength Development
  - Abdominal circuits, med ball, weight abs, functional mov't
- **Acceleration Development**
- 3point starts, harness work, multi jump/throw
- Power Development
- Sleds, stairs, hills, plyometics, med ball, oly lifts, Jump rope
- Speed Development
  - Build ups 150, 120, 100, 80
- Flys 30, 40, 50, 60
- · Hurdle Rhythm Development
  - Discounted work, endurance work

### **Training Program Examples:**

### Microcycle in October.

- Monday(HND)=CWU, Block progression, Block starts, Blocks over 1Hx8@30", Harnesses, Lift/core, DMR
- Tuesday(COND)=WU, Stationary H drills, A runs over 14hx10, Tempo down-back-downs R20" x 5 sets: R2', Lift/core, DMR
- Wednesday(RECOVER)=Dynamic WU, H walkovers, Pillar work, static stretch, PT appt
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  Thursday(HND)=CWU, H drills, Block progression, block starts over 1H, 2H, Stairs, Lift/core DMR Friday(COND)=WU, H drills, Balance routine, 8x200R60", Lift/Core, DMR

- Sunday(REST)= off
  Sunday(ALT TRNG)= choice of alternative training

### Microcycle in May:

- Monday(HND)=CWU, H Drill progression/ Block progression, Blocks over 1H, 2H, 3H, 11H x 3, 2 x250, Lift/core, DMR
- Tuesday(COND)=WU, jump rope, A runs over 14h hold thru 60, 10x100 R45" mechanic runs, Lift/core, DMR
- Wednesday(RECOVER)=Dynamic WU, H walkovers, Pillar work, static stretch, PT
- Thursday(TECH/MND)=CWU, H drills, block starts over 1H, 2H, 3H, 4x flys, short lift/core, DMR
- Friday= Pre Meet Routine
- Saturday= Compete
- Sunday(RECOVER)= Active Recovery

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### "CONFIDENCE, COMPOSURE, COMPETITIVENESS!"

**DRILLS:** (note: many basic drills can be performed without hurdles)

<u>Stationary/Position drills:</u>
a. Tap-Tap b. Posture walk c. Slant trail on H d. Wall trail e. Wall attack

### Others:

- Step overs with 10H (single, doubles)
- b. Marching with 6-10H (lead, trail, top)
- Turbo Trail (side and over top)
- d. 3 or 5-step SIDE of hurdle drills (lead, trail, over top)
- e. Take-off drill #1 (run-run-bound)
- Take-off drill #2 (box step off)
- One steps (2m-3m drill) side of hurdle- lead, trail, top Quick Three step Rhythm Drill using low hurdles

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### 100m/110m HURDLE WORKOUT MENU:

- A. Blocks over 1st H at 12.5m [closer]
- B Blocks over 2H
- C. 2,4, and 6-step approach over 3-4H discounted (acceleration)
- D. 10-step approach over 5-8H (discounted)
- E. Blocks over 6H (discounted using a sprinter in next open lane)
  F. 8-step standing start over 4-5H close three step-rhythm specialization
- G. 12H with decreased spacings (8.3 x 4, 8.1 x 4, 7.9 x 4) H. 9-12H with varied spacings (8.3 x 3, 12.0m, 8.1 x 3, 12.0m, 7.9 x 3)
- Turnarounds with 4H varied spacings (8.3, 8.1, 7.9)
- Blocks or 10-step approach over 12H discounted (use race simulation)
- K. Runs over baby hurdles "quick three"
- Regular Sprint 50m then hurdle 6-8H (watch out for spacing)
- M. Blocks over 6H; 5-step; last 4H (6H+4H)

  \*\*\*\*\* Use 24", 27", 30", 33", 36" heights or decreased spacings when appropriate.

  High School Boys Hurdle height = 39"
- High School Girls Hurdle height = 33"

### \*NOTE\*

Boys need to hurdle more at Regular hurdle heights than girls in practice setting.

## LASTLY...

- Use the appropriate coaching cues
- Increase athlete knowledge (tell them why/purpose of work)
- · Have patience
- Have a well developed plan (80% vs. 20%)
- Think in both annual cycles and the 4 year cycle for developing an "elite" hurdler
- Adhere to the plan
- Let the "art" unfold!