

12th FIS Youth and Children's Seminar

Long Term Development of Young Athletes

Hotel Hilton Zurich Airport, Hohenbühlstrasse 10, 8152 Zürich, Switzerland
30th September - 1st October 2014

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Programme

Tuesday, 30th September 2014

Room La Place A/B

19.00 Networking Evening
 Opening by Gian Franco Kasper - FIS President
 Welcome by Ken Read - Chair FIS Coordination Group Youth & Children

Wednesday, 1st October 2014

Room Panorama C

08.30 – 08.45	Introduction Opening by Sarah Lewis, FIS Secretary General and Josef Zenhäusern, FIS Development Programme Consultant
08.45 – 09.45	Long Term Athlete Development Ron Kipp, Alpine Sport Education Manager, USSA Ski Team
09.45 – 10.15	Coffee Break
10.15 – 11.15	Coaching and Psychology Hedda Berntsen, Norwegian School of Sports Science, PhD Candidate
11.15 – 12.15	Concussion Dr Jenny Shute, MBE; FIS Medical Committee
12.15 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 14.00	Status Update Bring Children to the Snow Andrew Cholinski
14.00 – 15.10	Examples of Bring Children to the Snow projects <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Claudia Albuquerque, <i>Stream Eventos</i> (BRA) - Pedro Farromba, <i>Portuguese Ski Federation</i> (POR) </div>
15.10 – 15.30	Round Table with Speakers Speakers from morning session
15.30 – 15.55	Information about FIS Development Programme
15.55	Summary and Conclusions <i>Ken Read - Chair FIS Coordination Group Youth & Children</i>

Organisation: Ken Read, Chairman of the Coordination Group Youth & Children
 Josef Zenhäusern, FIS Development Programme Consultant
 Andrew Cholinski, Coordinator Bring Children to the Snow
 Julia Raths, FIS Development Programme Coordinator

Please note that the seminar will be conducted in English only.

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LONG TERM ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT



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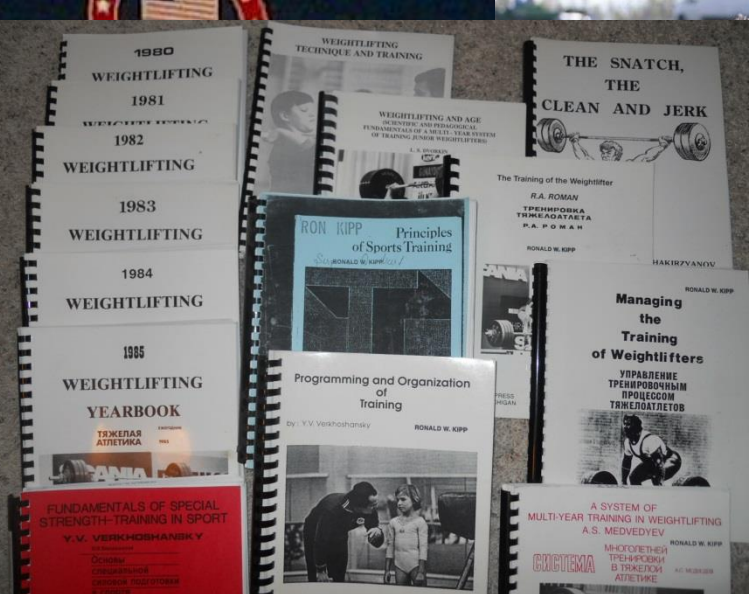


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U.S. Ski Team Training Facility







Parents, Coaches, Athletes

**Stakeholders
see this...**

**...and imagine
this!**



If they look like Ted, why can't they train like Ted?

**Is early specialization
a prerequisite for adult
expertise?**



Is early **specialization**
a prerequisite for adult
expertise?



Early specialization...

- 10 year rule
- 10,000 hours
- Power law of practice
- Deliberate practice

Simon & Chase (1968), "Skill in Chess".

Newell & Rosenbloom, (1981), "Mechanisms of skill acquisition and the law of practice".

Ericsson, et al., (1993), "The role of deliberate practice in the acquisition of expert performance".

All Valid!

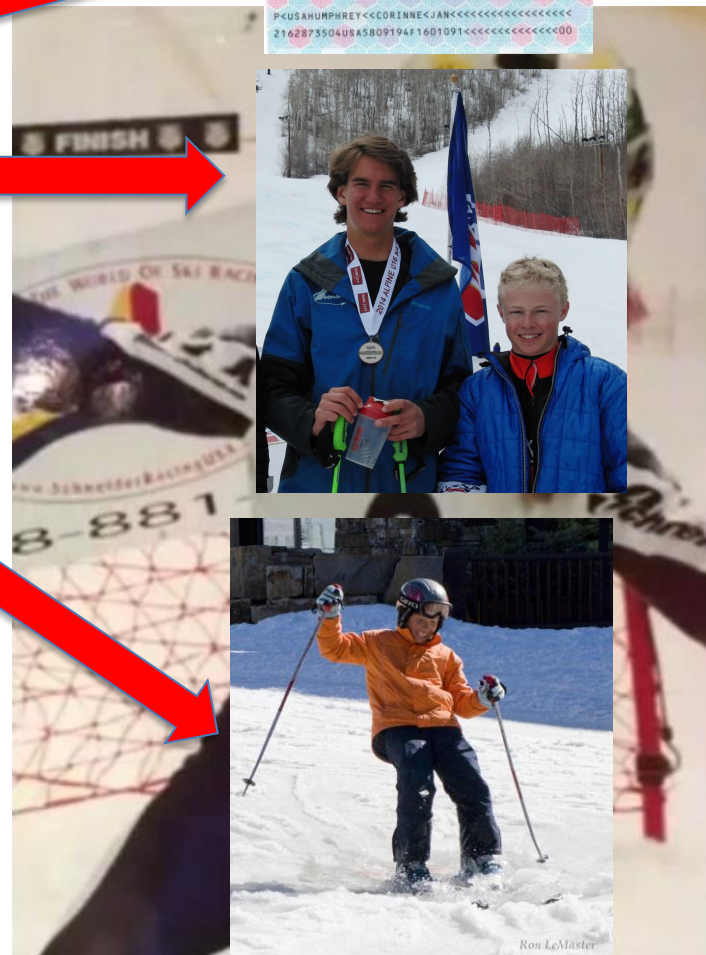


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But... One thing is missing...

Athlete AGE???

- Chronological age
- Biological age
- Training age

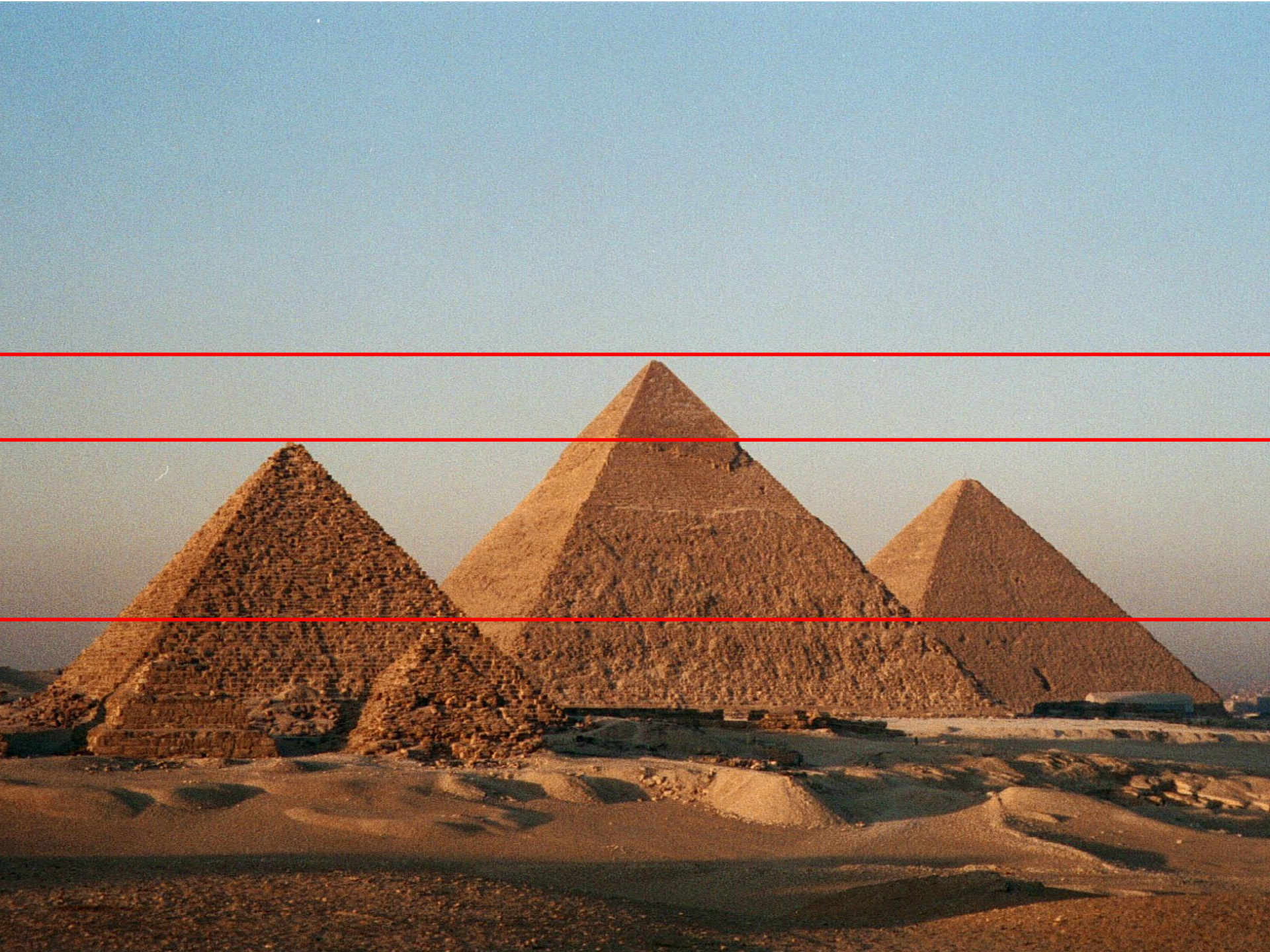


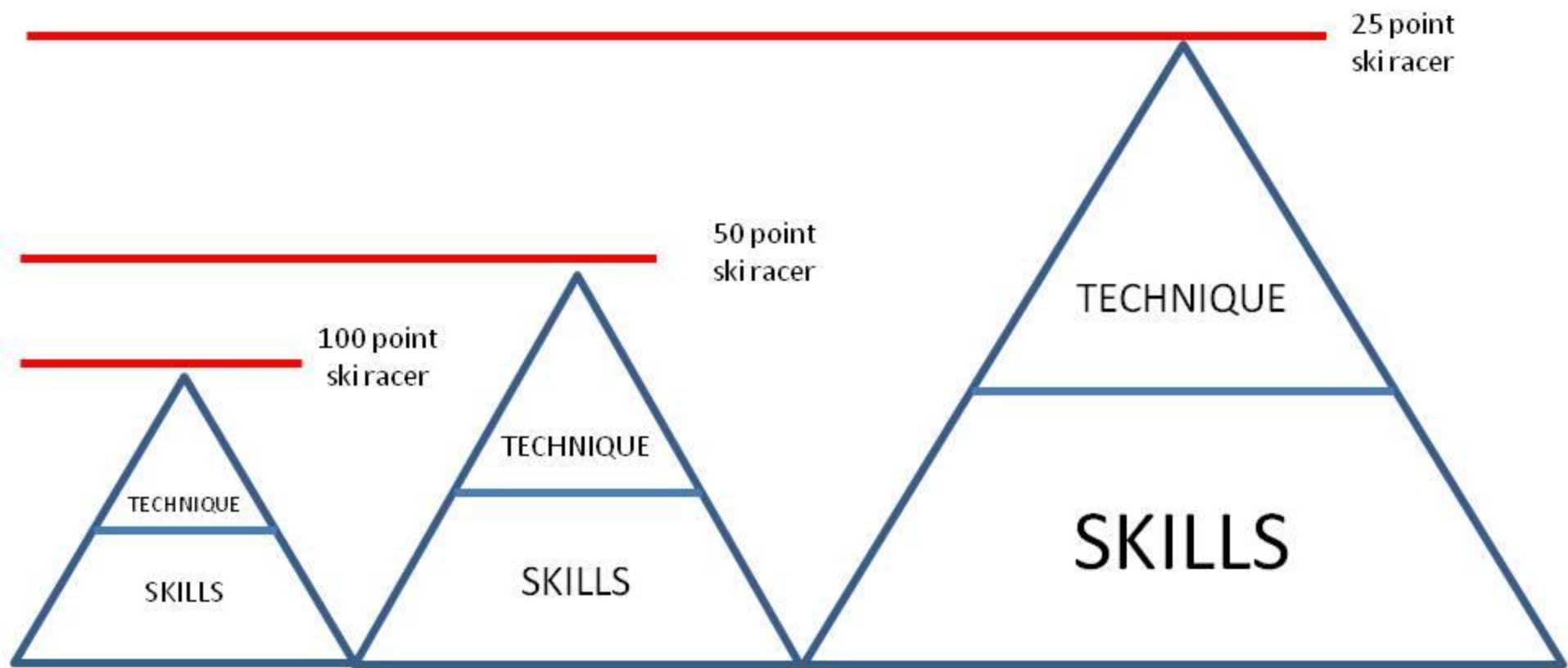
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- Volume
- Intensity
- Density



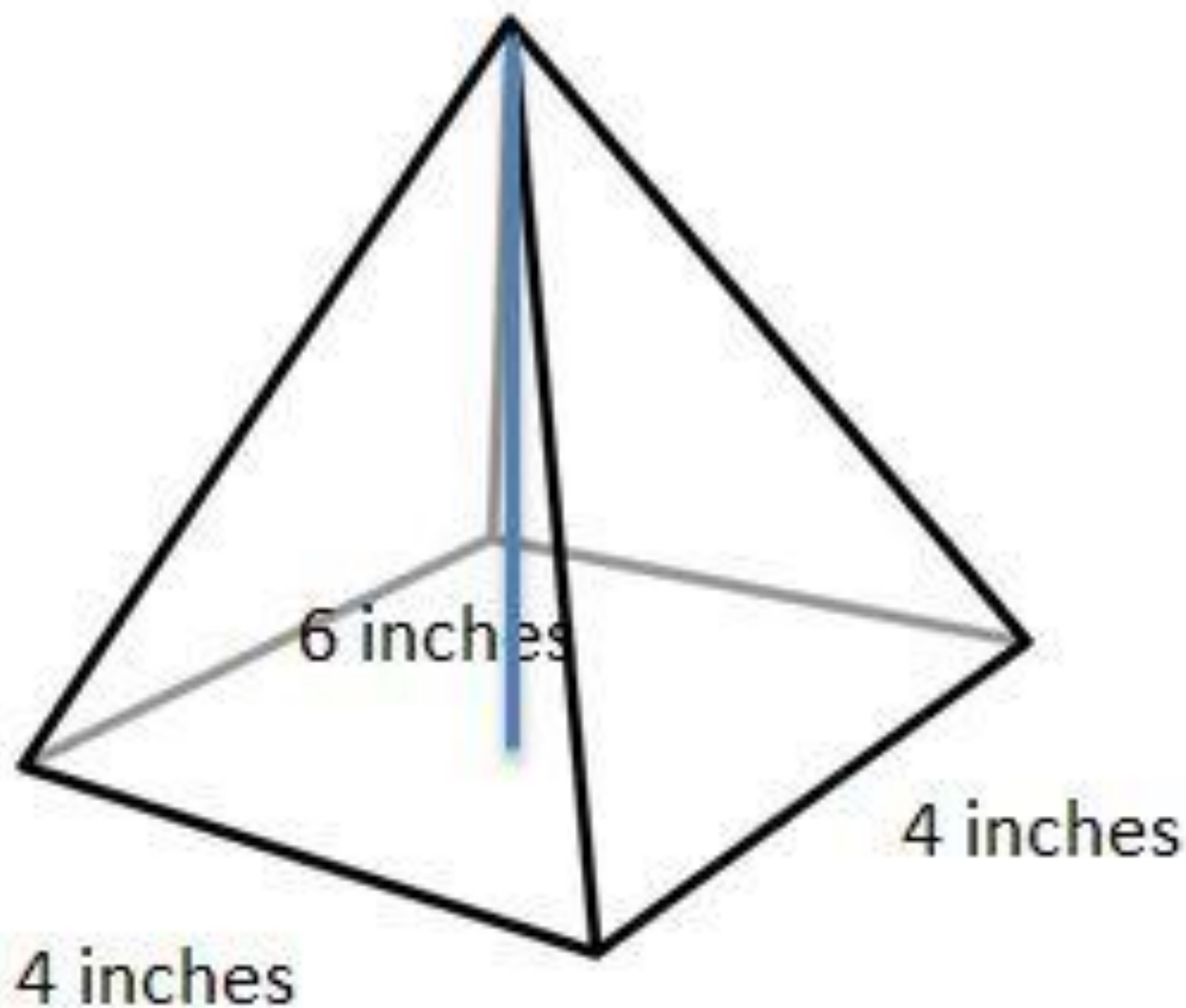


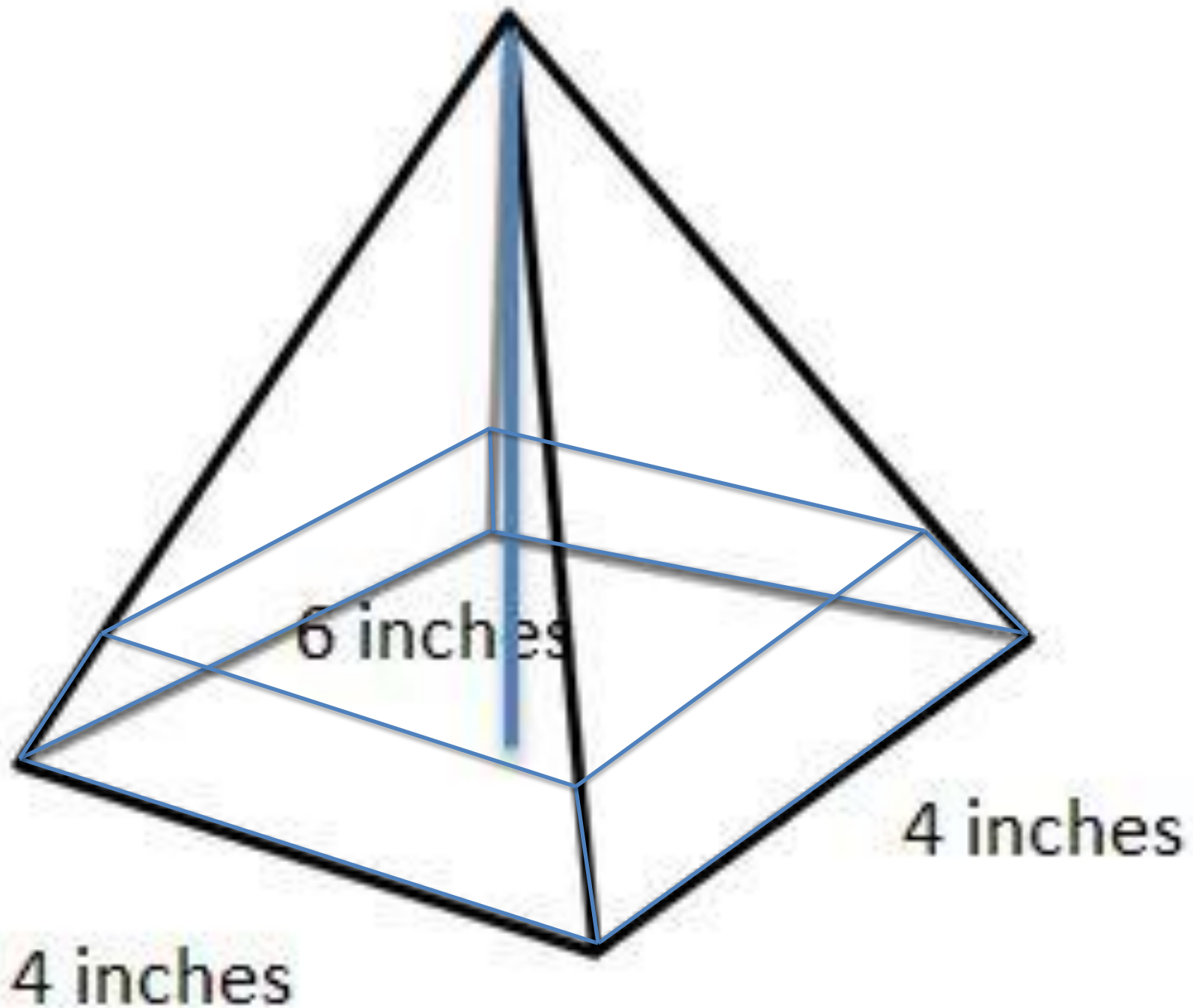


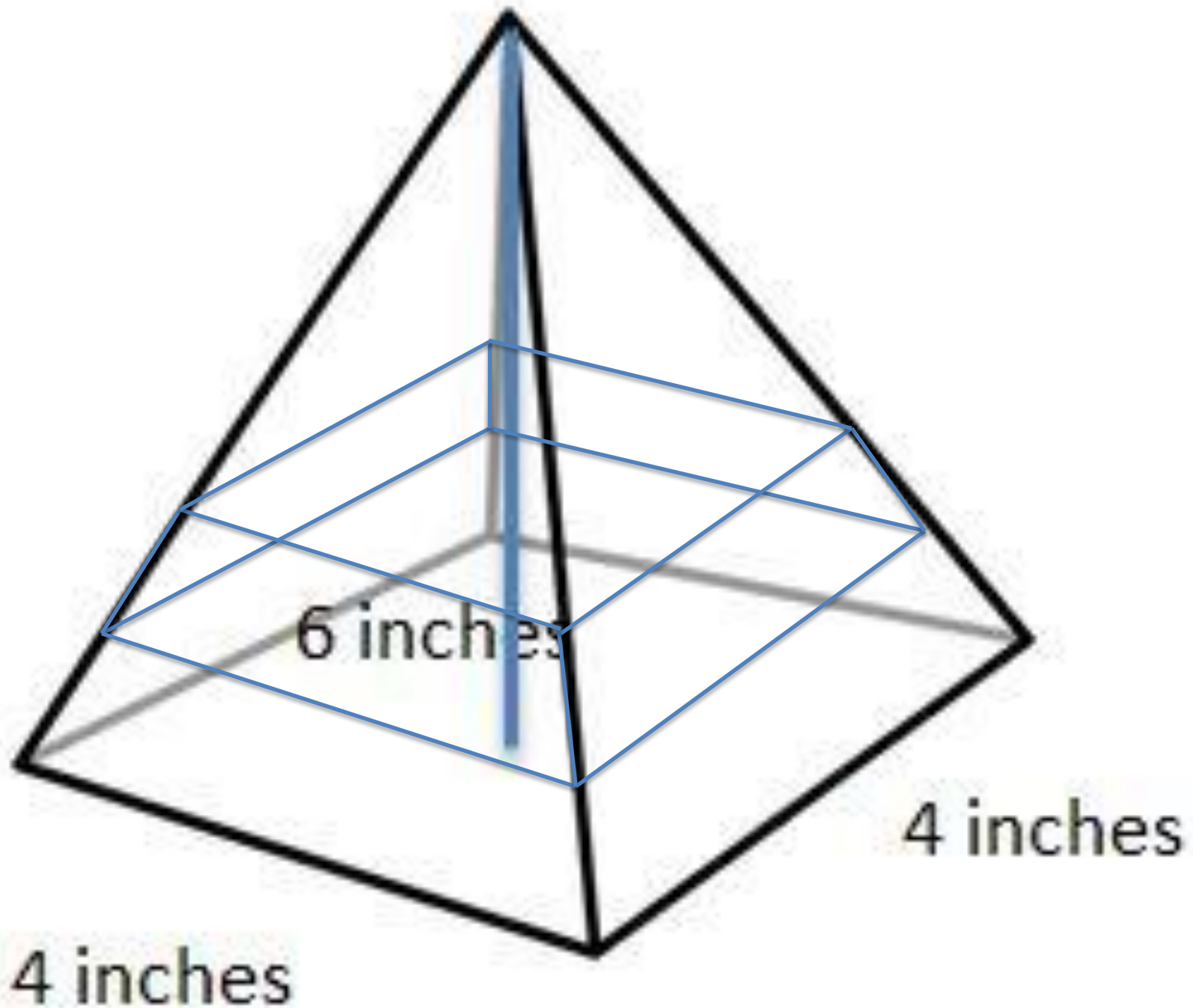


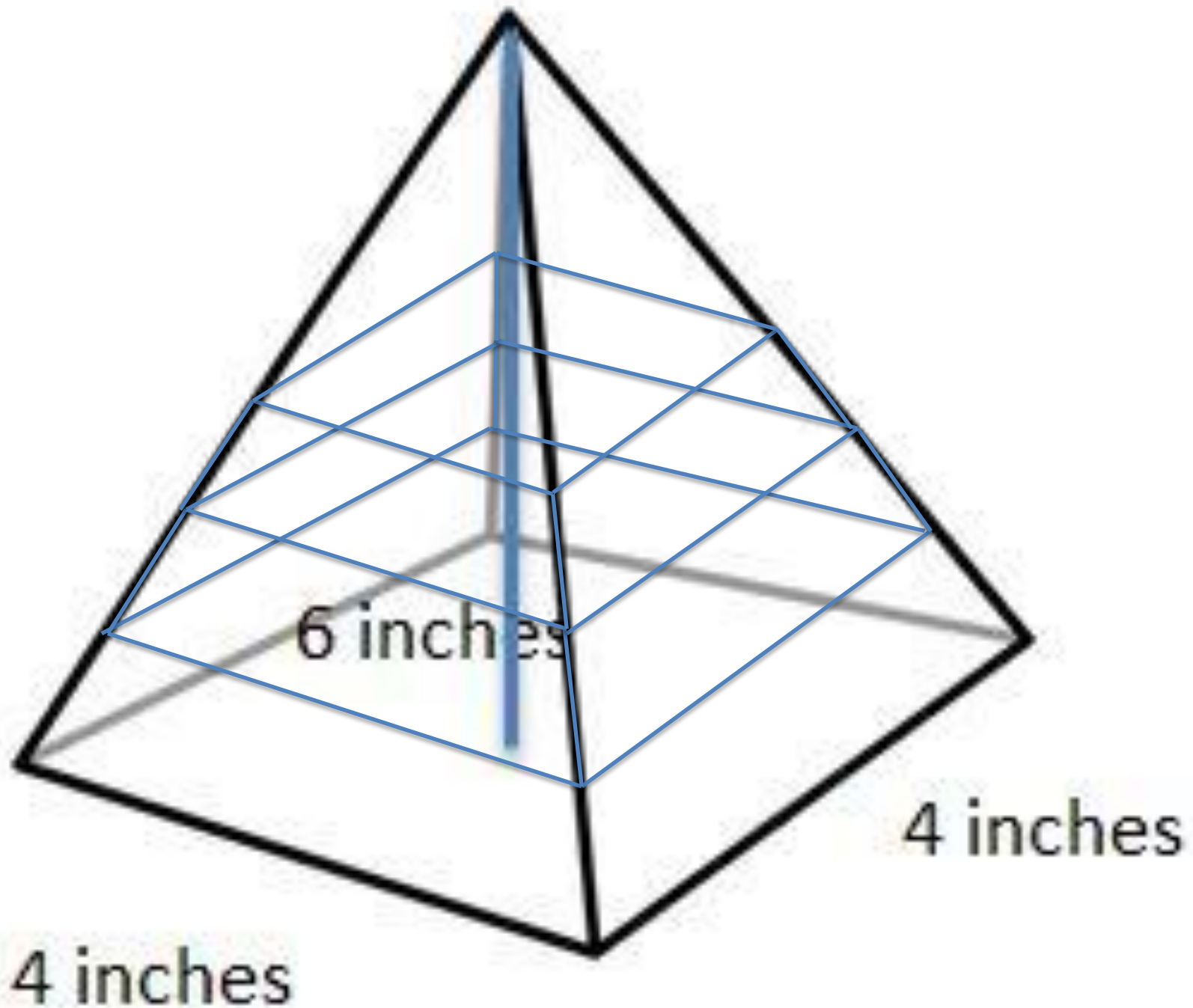
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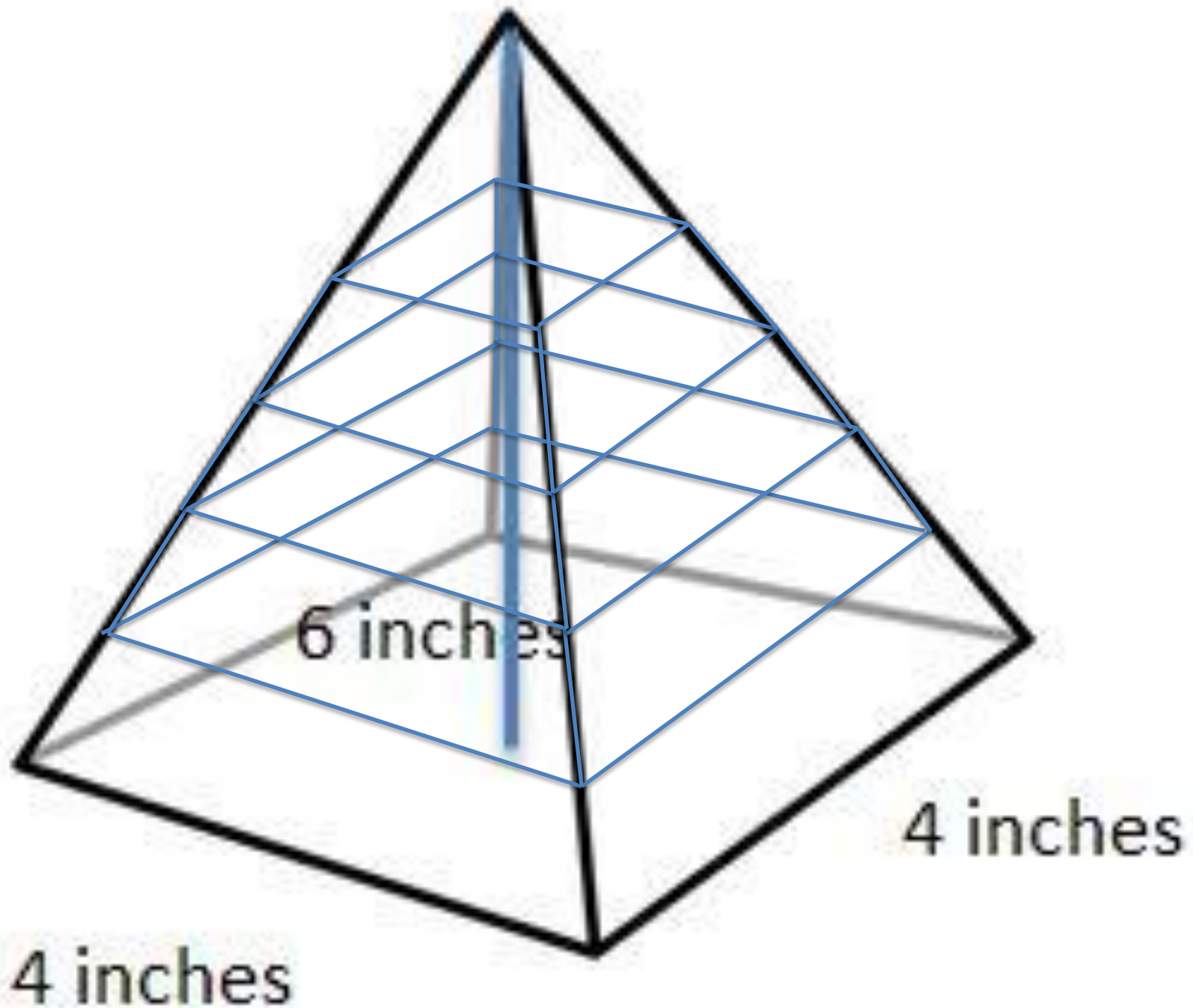


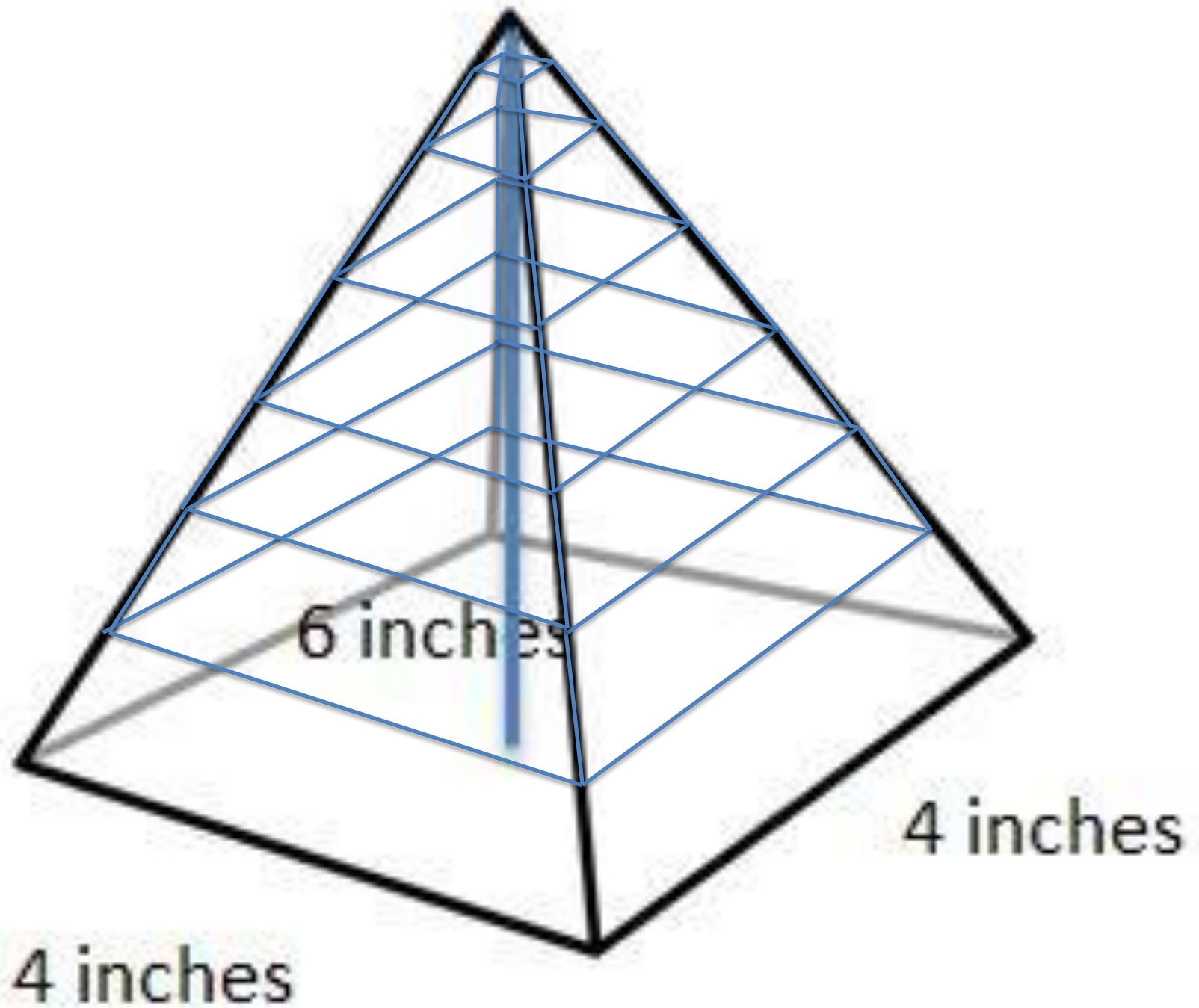


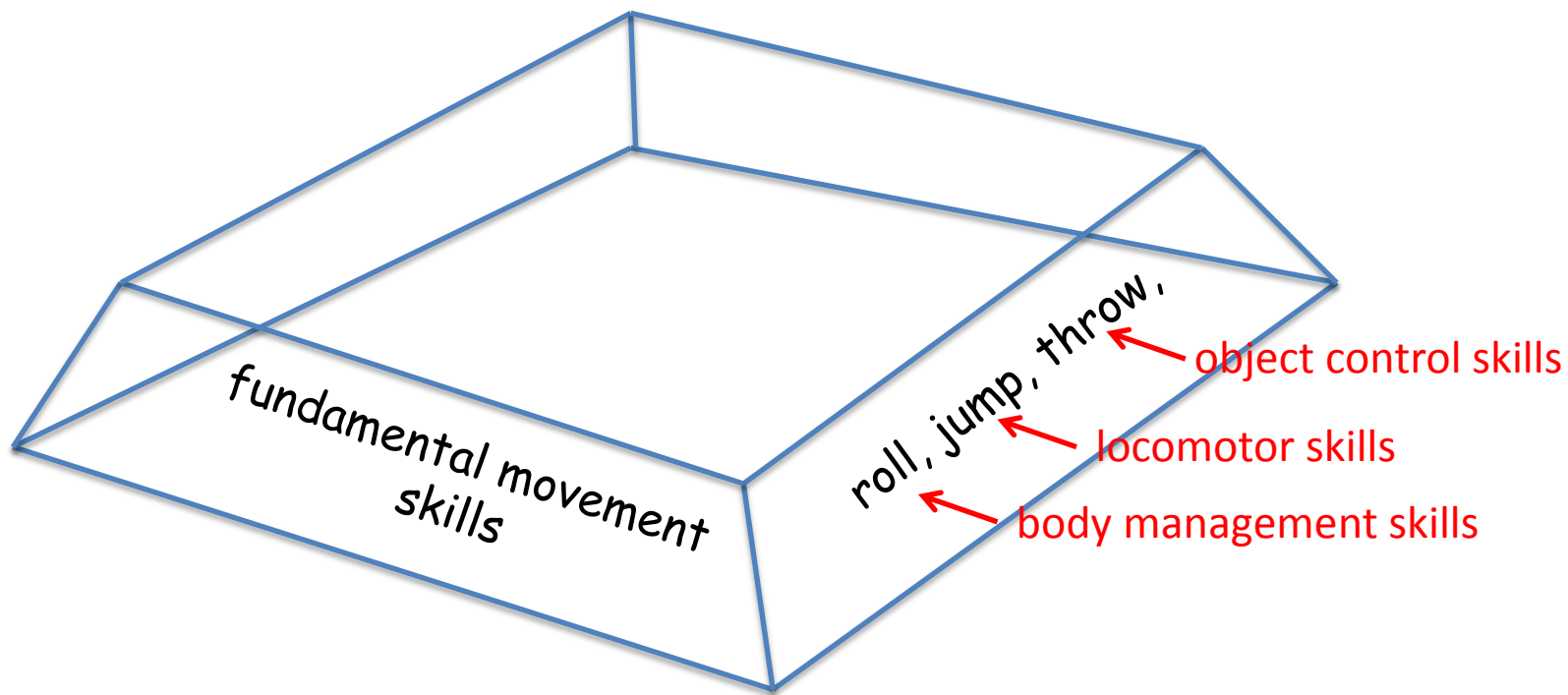


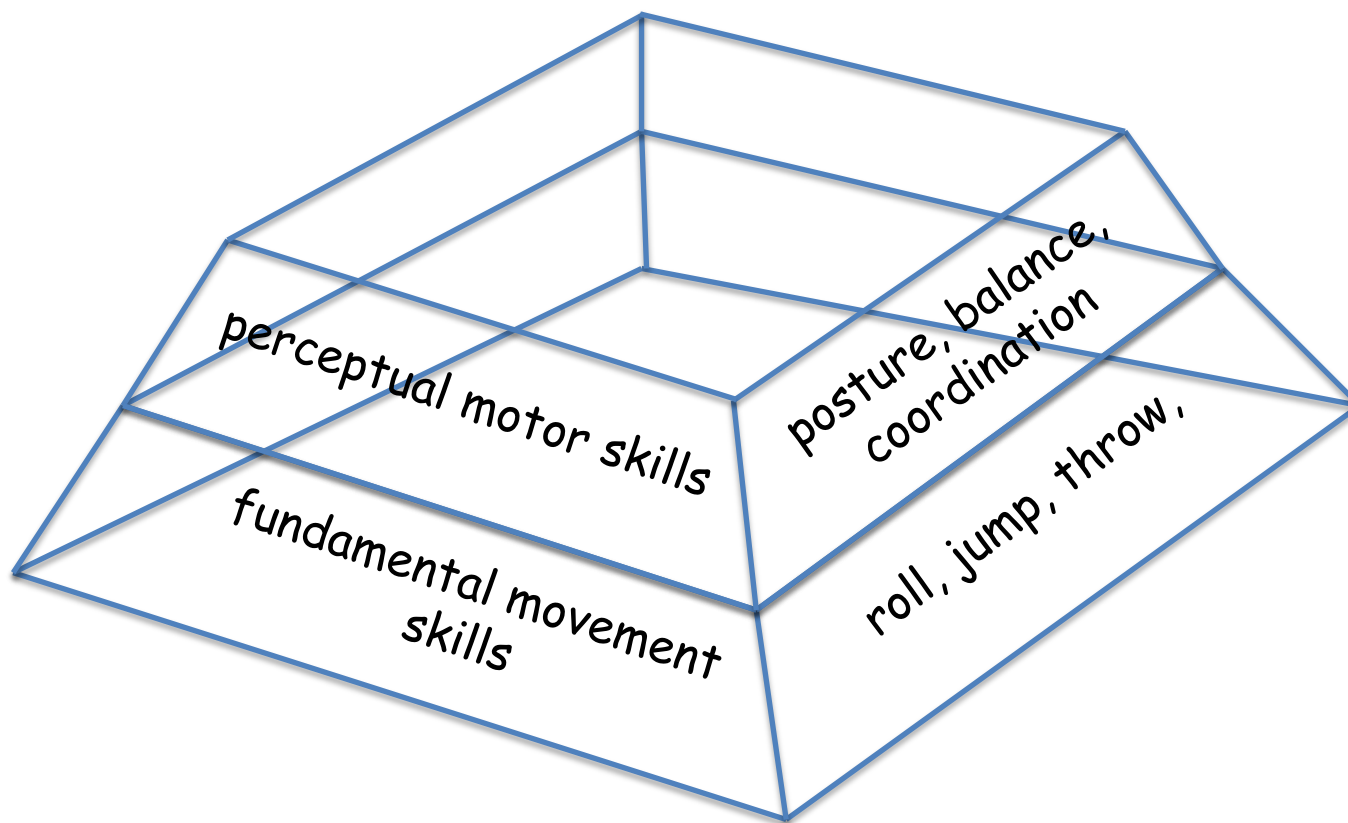


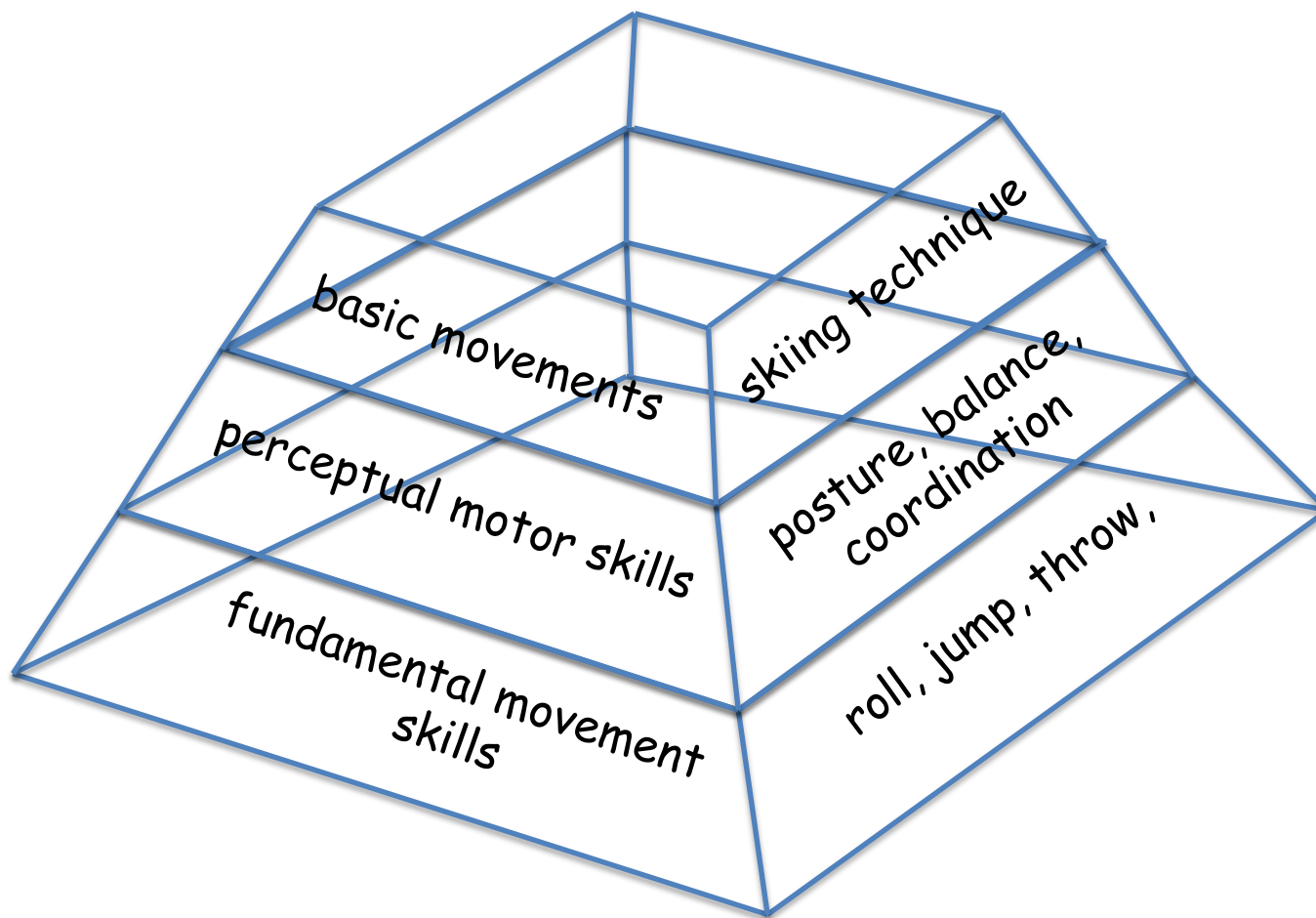


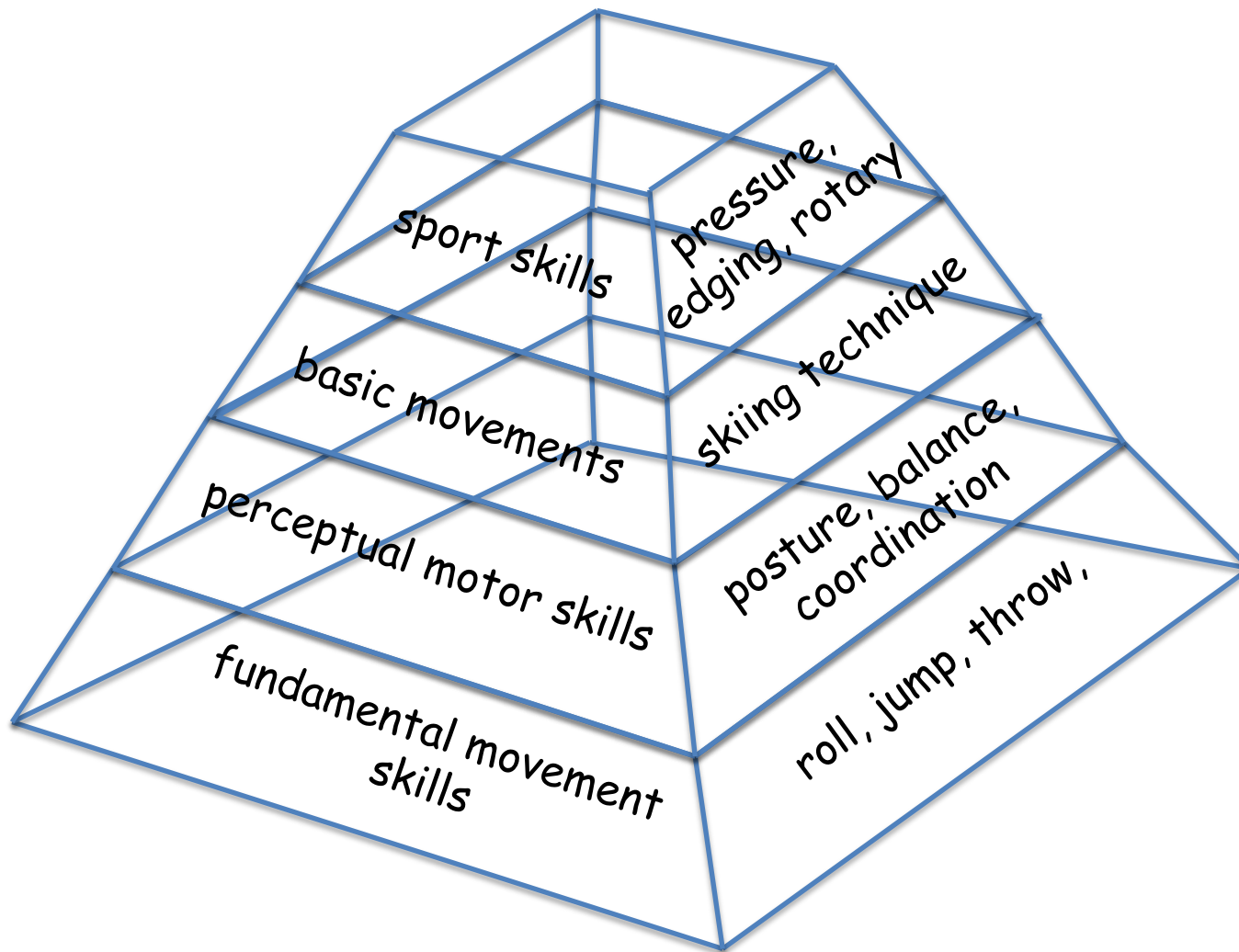


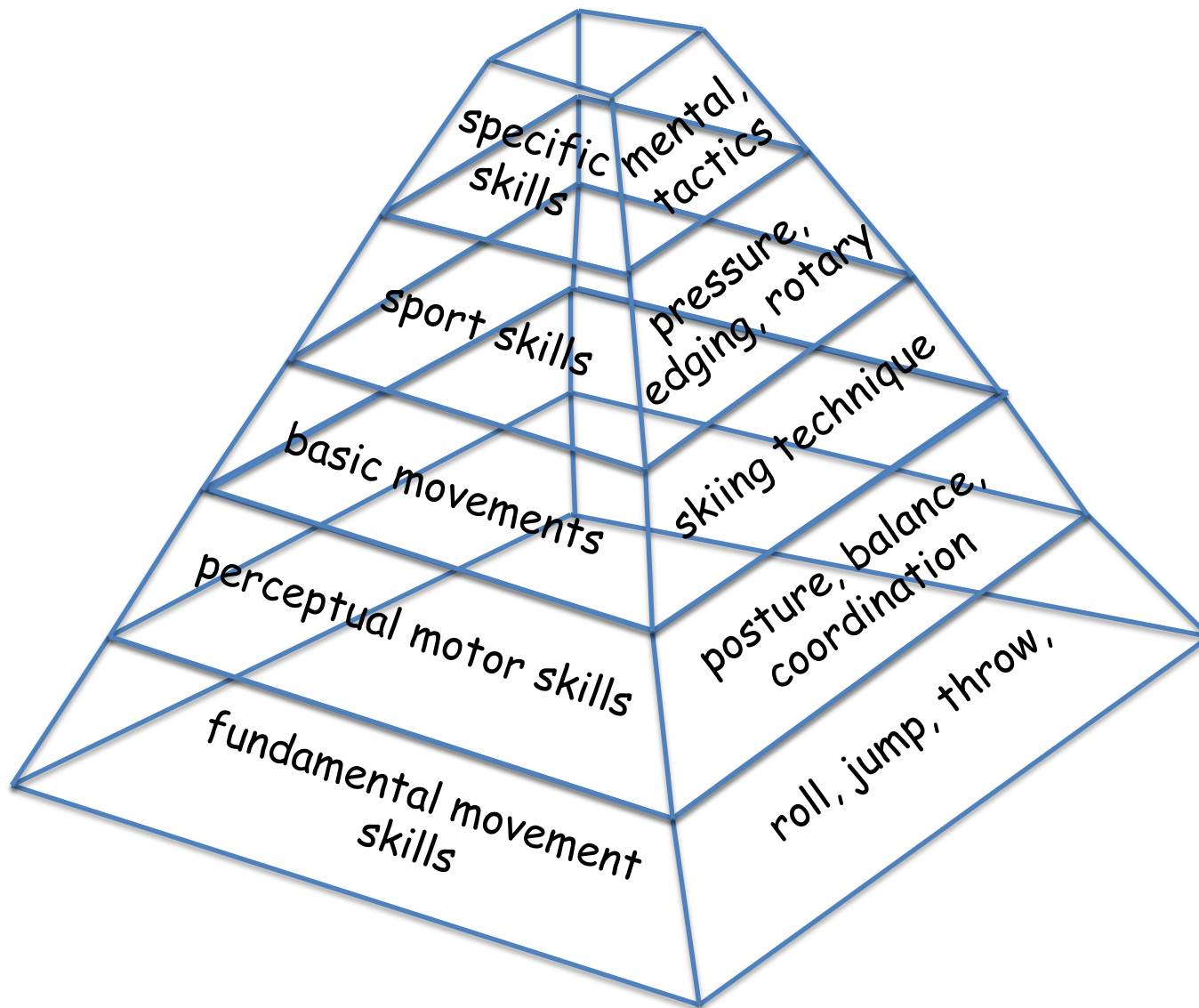




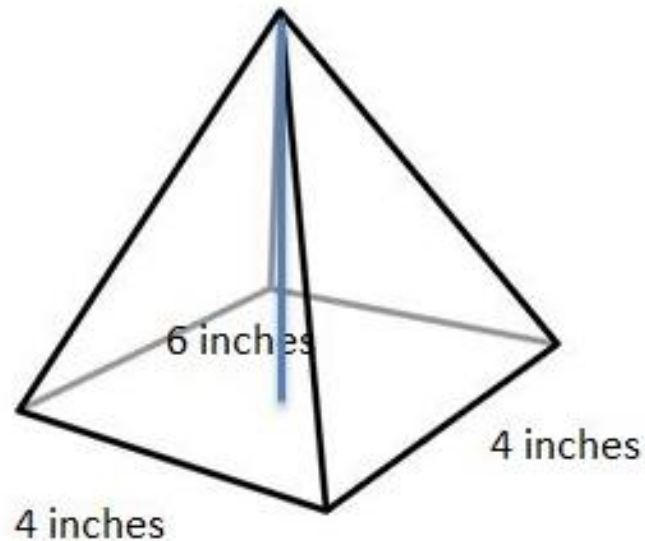








Pyramids can/should be based on...



- motor control
- aerobic
- anaerobic
 - strength
 - power
 - speed



blood volume
stroke volume
cardiac output



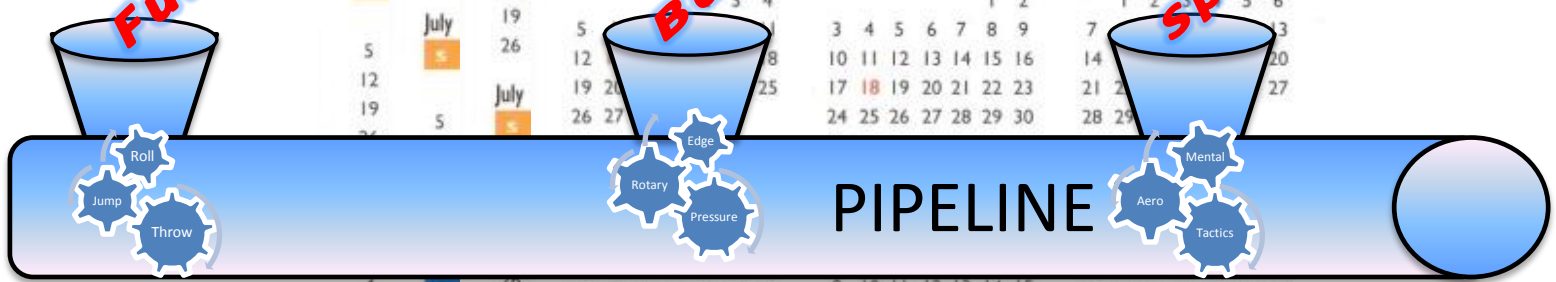
capillary volume
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oxidative enzyme



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Fundamental Movements
Basic Skills

Specialized



PIPELINE

Life of the athlete



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Foundation Stage		Pre & Post Puberty			Class Performance
PHASE 1 Biological Age Pre Puberty Age 2-6 years old Play Age 1-4 years in sport Participation Sit around 1 day a week 20 days a year At least 80% free skiing Play many other sports + gymnastics or badminton Insect sports	PHASE 2 Biological Age Pre Puberty Age 6-10 years old Training Age 3-6 years in sport Participation Sit 2-3 days a week 60 days a year At least 80% free skiing Fun skiing Play many other sports	PHASE 3 Biological Age Pre Puberty (Before Growth Spurt) Age Girls: 10-12; JM 10-13 Boys: 11-14; JM 14-21 Training Age 4-6 years in sport Participation Sit 3-4 days a week 70 days/year At least 80% free skiing Competition Period: 1 year-April Number of race starts: 10-15 Ratio: 1:6 (race:training) Play complementary sports	PHASE 4 Biological Age Puberty (Growth Spurt) Age Girls: 11-14; JM 14-20 Boys: 13-15; JM 14-25 Training Age 5-6 years in sport Participation Sit 4-5 days a week 100 days/year At least 80% free skiing Competition Period: 2 year-April Number of race starts: 20-30 Ratio: 1:3 (race:training) Play complementary sports	PHASE 5 Biological Age Post Puberty (After Growth Spurt) Age Girls: 12-16; JM 14-20 Boys: 14-17; JM 15-21 Training Age 6-7 years in sport Participation Sit 4-5 days a week 125-140 days/year At least 100% free skiing Competition Period: 3 year-April Number of race starts: 25-40 Ratio: 1:4 (race:training) Play complementary sports	PHASE 6 Biological Age Full Maturation Age Female: 16-22-27 Male: 17-21 Training Age Minimum 10 years in sport Participation Sit 4-5 days a week 120-130 days/year At least 100% free-skiing Competition Period: 4 year-April Number of race starts: 30-40 Ratio: 1:3 (race:training) Based on 100% free-skiing
Covisiting Emphasis					

What Should We Help Them Focus On?

Foundation Stage		Pre & Post Puberty			World Class Performance Full Maturation
PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4	PHASE 5	PHASE 6
Biological Age Pre Puberty Age 2–6 years old Play Age 1–4 years in sport Participation Ski around 1 day a week 20 days a year At least 95% free skiing Play many other sports - gymnastics or balance-based sports	Biological Age Pre Puberty Age 6–10 years old Training Age 1–4 years in sport Participation Ski 2–3 days a week 50 days a year At least 90% free skiing Fun races Play many other sports	Biological Age Pre Puberty (Before Growth Spurt) Age Girls: 10–13: J4 (J3–J3) Boys: 11–14: J4 (J4–J3) Training Age 4–8 years in sport Participation Ski 3–4 days a week 70 days/year At least 60% free skiing Competition Period: (Jan.–April) Number of race starts: 10–15 Ratio 1:6 (race:training) Play complementary sports	Biological Age Puberty (Growth Spurt) Age Girls: 11–14: J3 (J4–J3) Boys: 12–15: J3 (J4–J2) Training Age 5–9 years in sport Participation Ski 4–5 days a week 100 days/year At least 30–50% free-skiing Competition Period: (Dec.–April) Number of race starts: 15–30 Ratio 1:5 (race:training) Play complementary sports	Biological Age Post Puberty (After Growth Spurt) Age Girls: 12–16: J3 (J4–J2) Boys: 14–17: J2 (J3–J1) Training Age 6–11 years in sport Participation Ski 4–5 days a week 120–140 days/year At least 15% free skiing Competition Period: (Nov.–April) Number of race starts: 25–max 45 Ratio 1:4 (race:training) Play complementary sport	Biological Age Full Maturation Age Female: 16+ J2–J1 Male: 17+ J1 Training Age Minimum 10+ years in sport Participation Ski 4–5 days a week 130–150* days/year At least 10% free-skiing Competition Period: (Nov.–April) Number of race starts: 55* Ratio 1:3 (race:training) *based on the number of disciplines

Fundamental Skills/Technique

Transition to competition

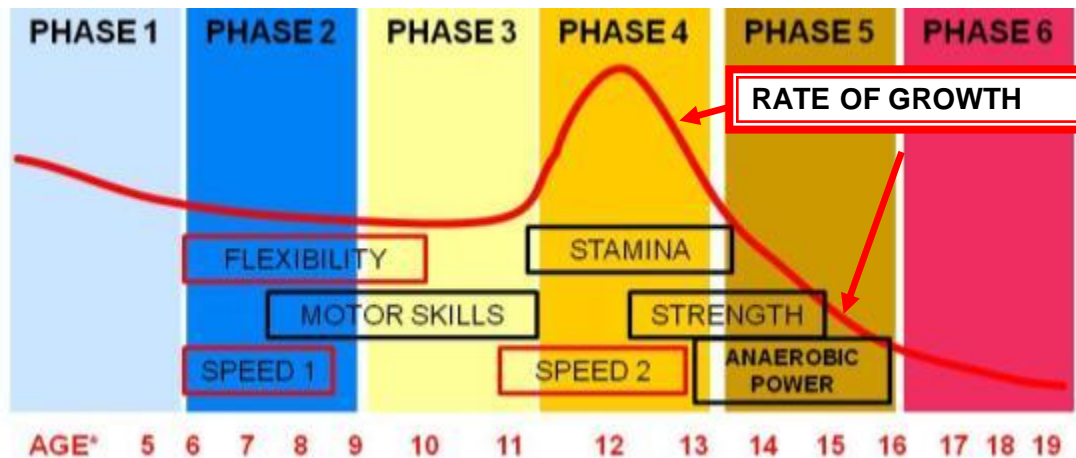
Competition skills

Passion, effort, fun

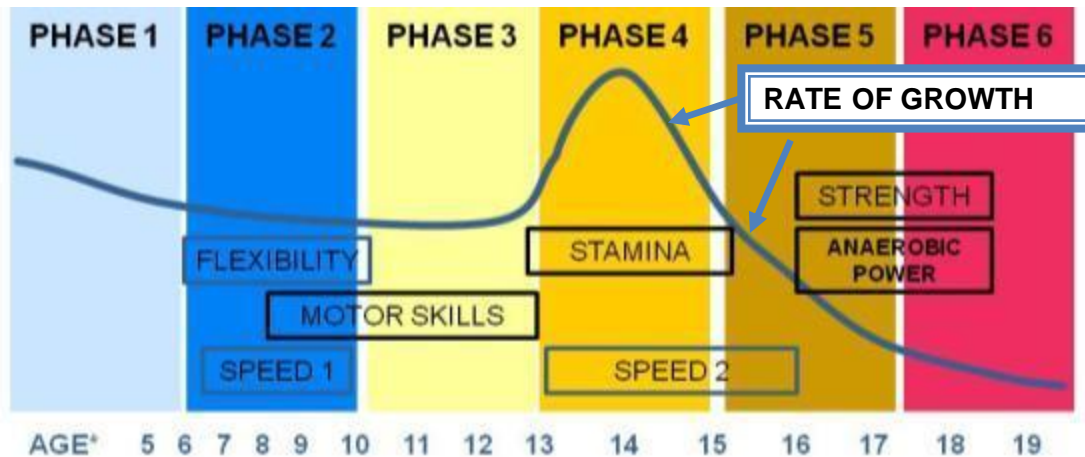
Attitude, effort, fun

Dedication, effort, fun

Sensitivity Windows



Sensitivity windows for girls relating to rate of growth, developmental phase, and chronological age (adapted from Balyi & Way, 2005)



Sensitivity windows for boys relating to rate of growth, developmental phase, and chronological age (adapted from Balyi & Way, 2005)



Alpine Training System

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Foundation Stage		Pre & Post Puberty			World Class Performance Full Maturation
PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4	PHASE 5	PHASE 6
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FUNdamentals		Learn to Train	Train to Train	Train to Train	Train to Compete
At least 95% free skiing Play many other sports - gymnastics or balance- beam sports	At least 90% free skiing Fun races Play many other sports	Participation Ski 3-4 days a week 70 days/year At least 60% free skiing	Participation Ski 4-5 days a week 100 days/year At least 30-50% free-skiing	Participation Ski 4-5 days a week 120-140 days/year At least 15% free skiing	130-150* days/year At least 10% free-skiing Competition Period: (Nov.-April) Number of free-skiing days: 55+
Sampling		Specializing	Specializing	Investment	Investment
Play complementary sports		Play complementary sports	Play complementary sports	Play complementary sport	or disciplines





Negative consequences of early specialization:

- lack of sport choices
- depression
- eating disorders
- chronic fatigue
- one-dimensional self concept
- overuse injuries
- chronic injuries
- obsession with winning
- imbalanced lifestyle
- increased pressure from parents
- burnout
- underperform later in life
- loss of control over their life
- dropout from sport

The “doing well early” paradox

Early Maturers



- Are usually larger than their peers.
- As a result of being “bigger” they perform better at many sports.
- They end up not training as hard and eventually fall back.

Late Maturers

- Are usually smaller.
- Do not have “amazing” performances.
- Since they are late maturers they will end up with longer “sensitivity windows”, where learning is maximized.

How can we keep “late maturers” in the sport?



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*Harvard Business Journal –
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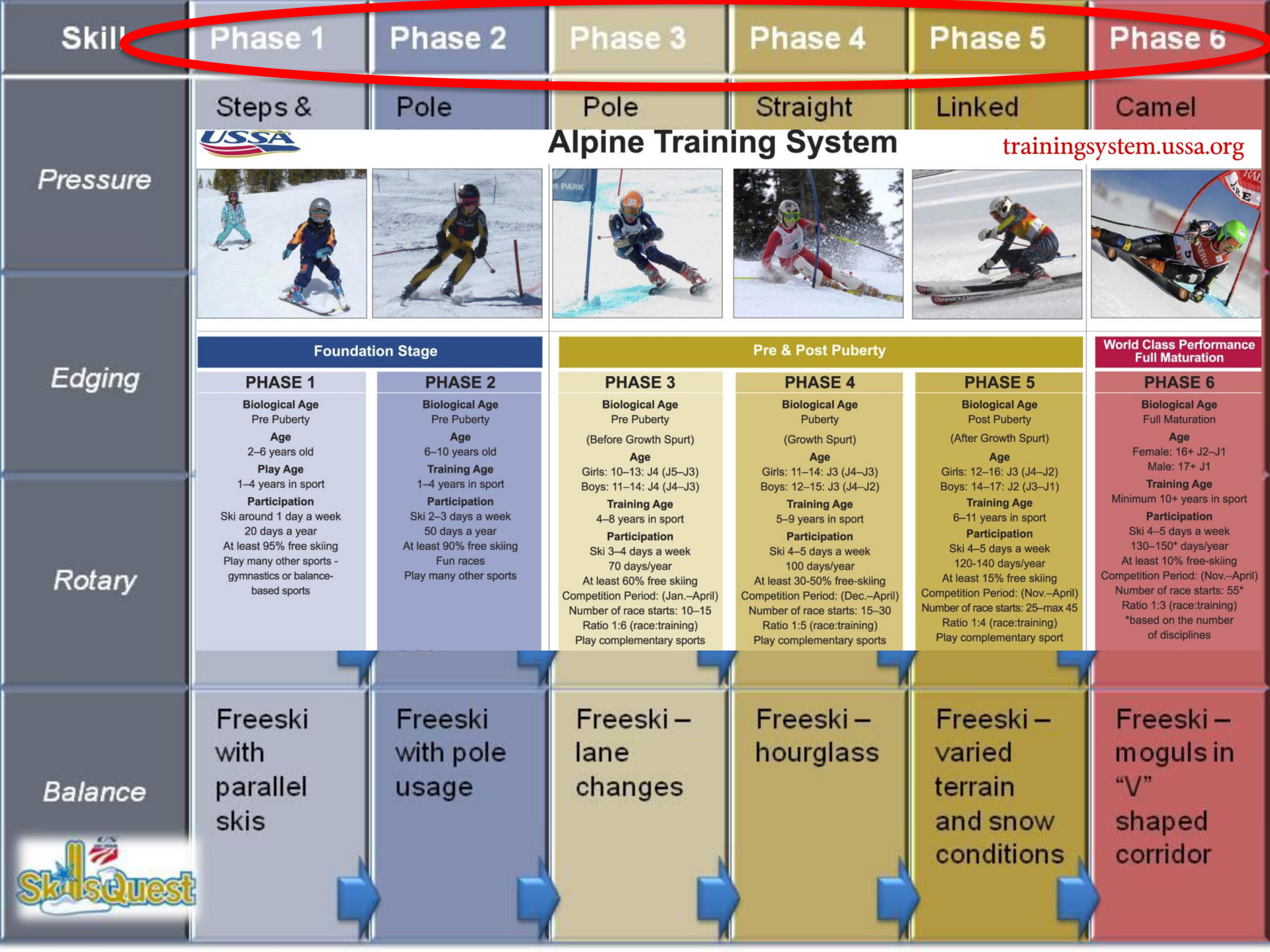
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SkillsQuest

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Skill

Phase 1

Phase 2

Phase 3

Phase 4

Phase 5

Phase 6

Steps &

Pole

Pole

Straight

Linked

Camel



Alpine Training System

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Pressure



Edging

Foundation Stage

PHASE 1

Biological Age
Pre Puberty

Age

2-6 years old

Play Age

1-4 years in sport

Participation

Ski around 1 day a week
20 days a year

At least 95% free skiing

Play many other sports -
gymnastics or balance-
based sports

PHASE 2

Biological Age
Pre Puberty

Age

6-10 years old

Training Age

1-4 years in sport

Participation

Ski 2-3 days a week
50 days a year

At least 90% free skiing
Fun races

Play many other sports

Pre & Post Puberty

PHASE 3

Biological Age
Pre Puberty

(Before Growth Spurt)

Age

Girls: 10-13: J4 (J5-J3)

Boys: 11-14: J4 (J4-J3)

Training Age

4-8 years in sport

Participation

Ski 3-4 days a week
70 days/year

At least 60% free skiing

Competition Period: (Jan.-April)

Number of race starts: 10-15

Ratio 1:6 (race:training)

Play complementary sports

PHASE 4

Biological Age
Puberty

(Growth Spurt)

Age

Girls: 11-14: J3 (J4-J3)

Boys: 12-15: J3 (J4-J2)

Training Age

5-9 years in sport

Participation

Ski 4-5 days a week
100 days/year

At least 30-50% free-skiing

Competition Period: (Dec.-April)

Number of race starts: 15-30

Ratio 1:5 (race:training)

Play complementary sports

PHASE 5

Biological Age
Post Puberty

(After Growth Spurt)

Age

Girls: 12-16: J3 (J4-J2)

Boys: 14-17: J2 (J3-J1)

Training Age

6-11 years in sport

Participation

Ski 4-5 days a week
120-140 days/year

At least 15% free skiing

Competition Period: (Nov.-April)

Number of race starts: 25-max 45

Ratio 1:4 (race:training)

Play complementary sport

World Class Performance Full Maturation

PHASE 6

Biological Age
Full Maturation

Age

Female: 16+ J2-J1

Male: 17+ J1

Training Age

Minimum 10+ years in sport

Participation

Ski 4-5 days a week

130-150* days/year

At least 10% free-skiing

Competition Period: (Nov.-April)

Number of race starts: 55*

Ratio 1:3 (race:training)

*based on the number
of disciplines

Rotary

Freeski
with
parallel
skis

Freeski
with pole
usage

Freeski -
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Freeski -
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Freeski -
varied
terrain
and snow
conditions

Freeski -
moguls in
"V"
shaped
corridor

Balance





Designed to:



- ✓ Promote skills
- ✓ Teach skills
- ✓ Measure skills
- ✓ Track skills
- ✓ Reward for skills attained.

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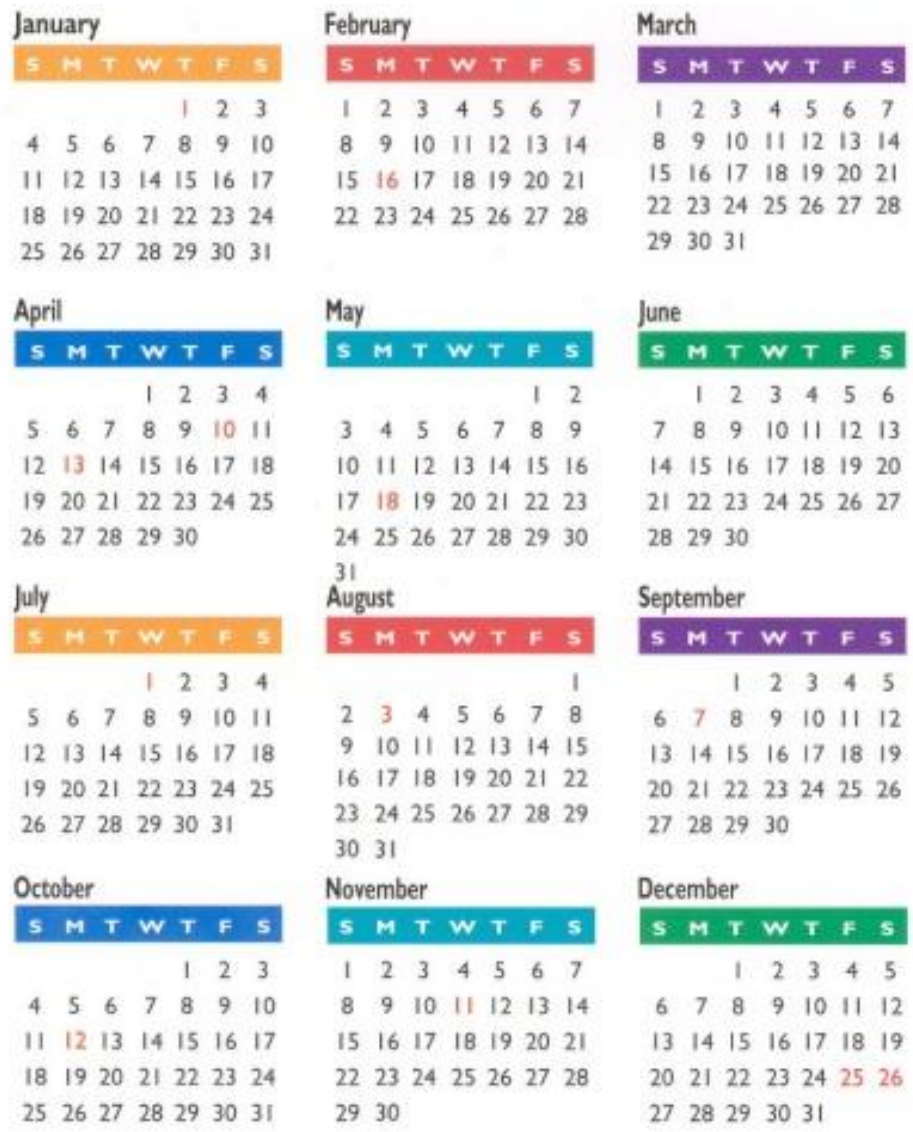
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Relative Age Effect

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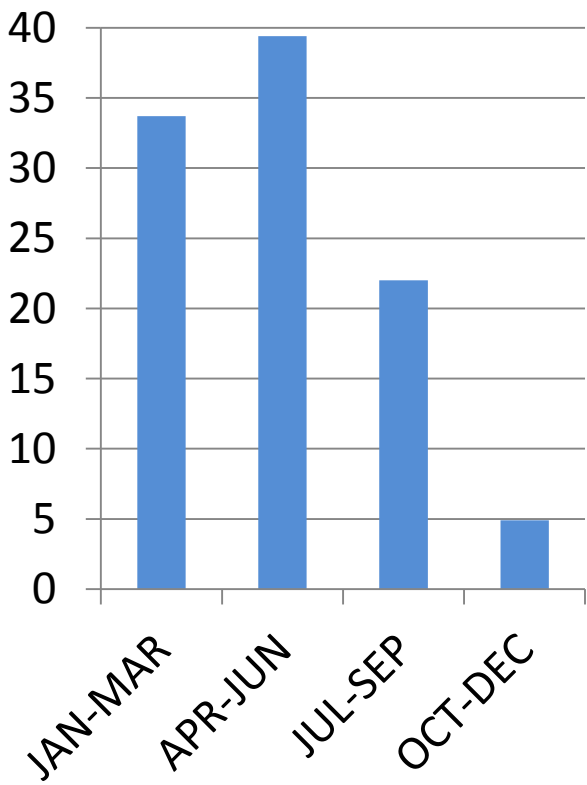


← Youngest



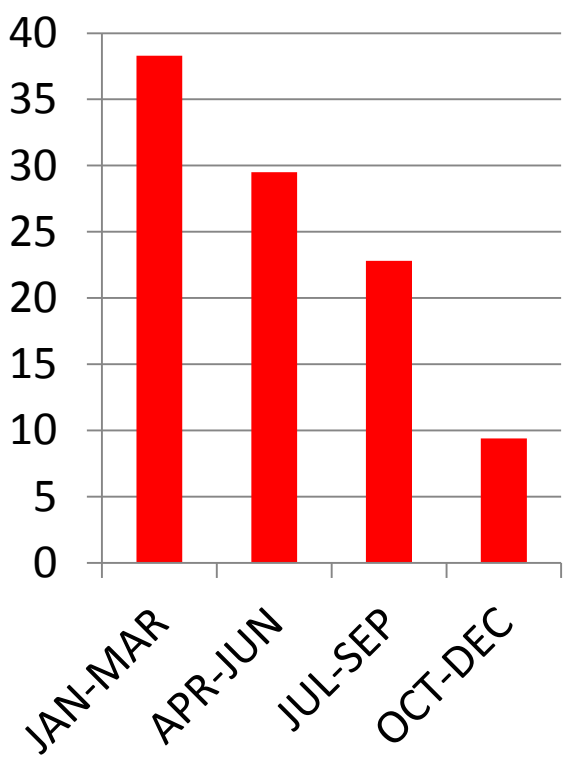
Analysis of Birth Month Relationship to Results At Different Levels in Alpine Skiing

J4 JO medalists



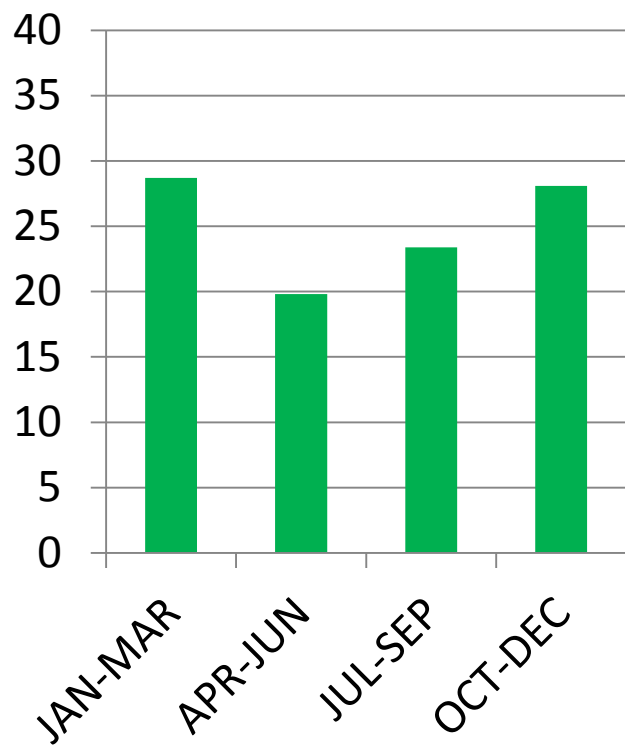
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J3 JO medalists



BORN 1ST HALF OF YEAR: 68%

World Cup Top 30

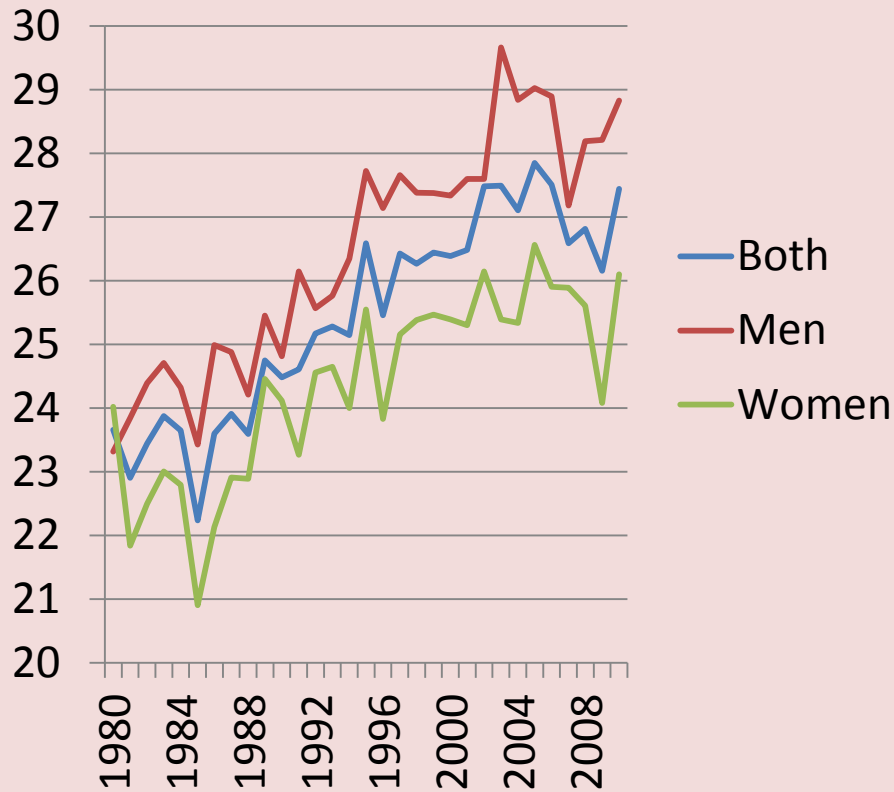


BORN 1ST HALF OF YEAR: 48%

2010 & 2014 ALPINE OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALISTS BORN 1ST HALF OF YEAR: 25%

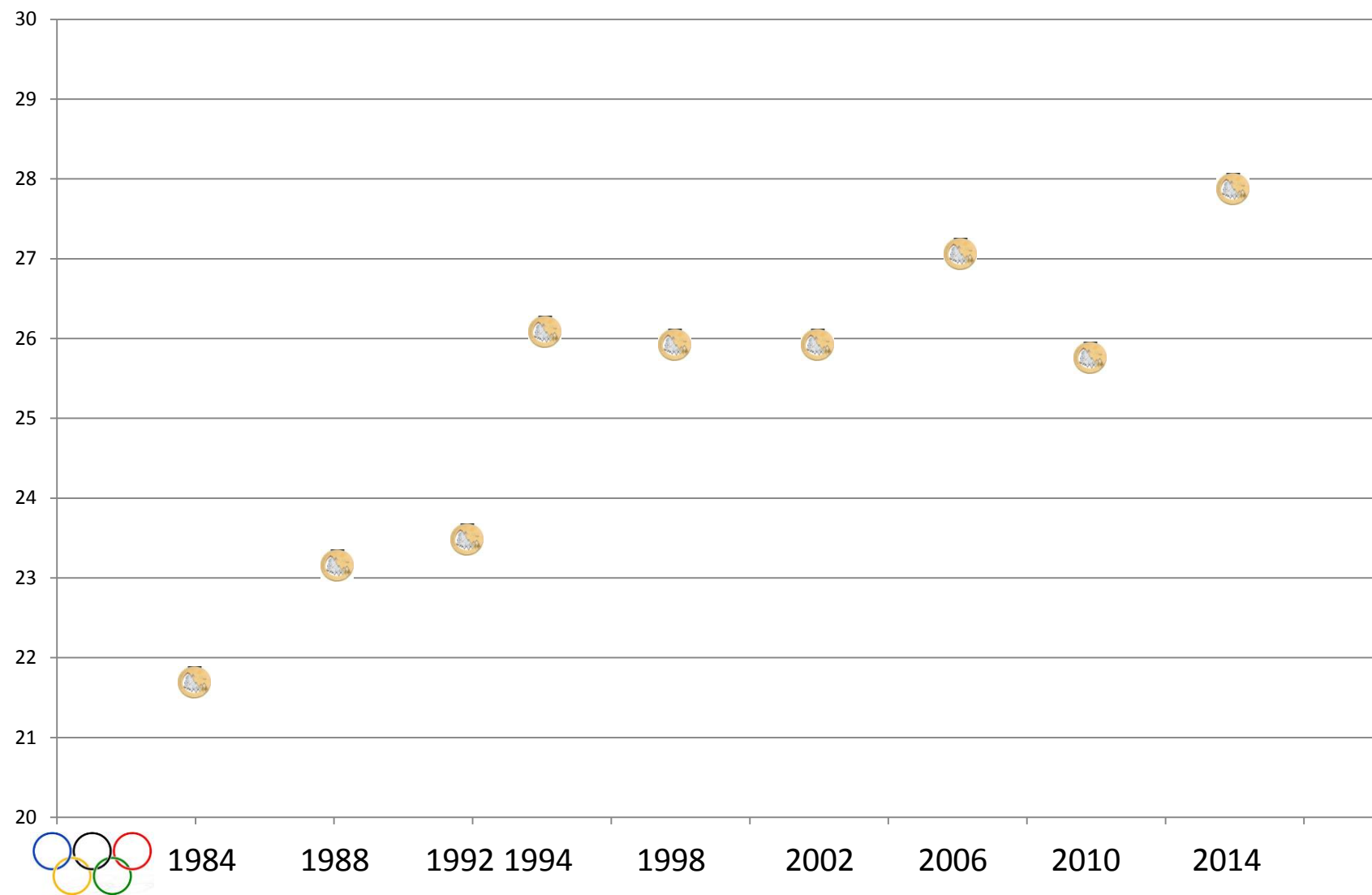


Average Age of World Cup Race Winners





Average Age of Olympic Gold Medalists

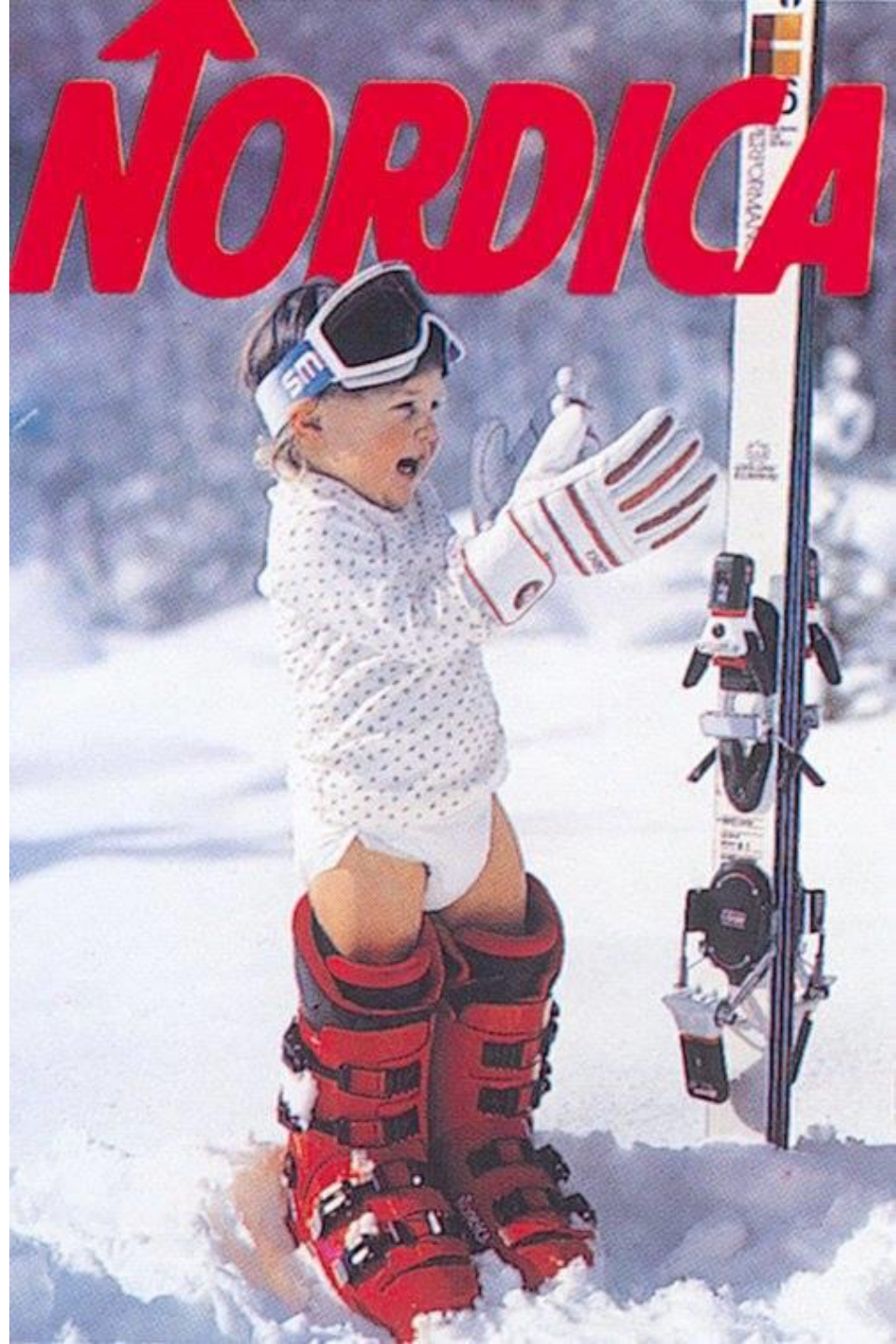




U.S. Ski Team Tenants of LTAD



Children are not simply miniature adults. They need a program that is geared to their developmental needs that will prepare them for the demands of their sport when they are an adult.





Training
and
competition
plans
should be
designed
based on
individual
needs.





Children develop and mature at different rates. Age alone does not give the full picture.



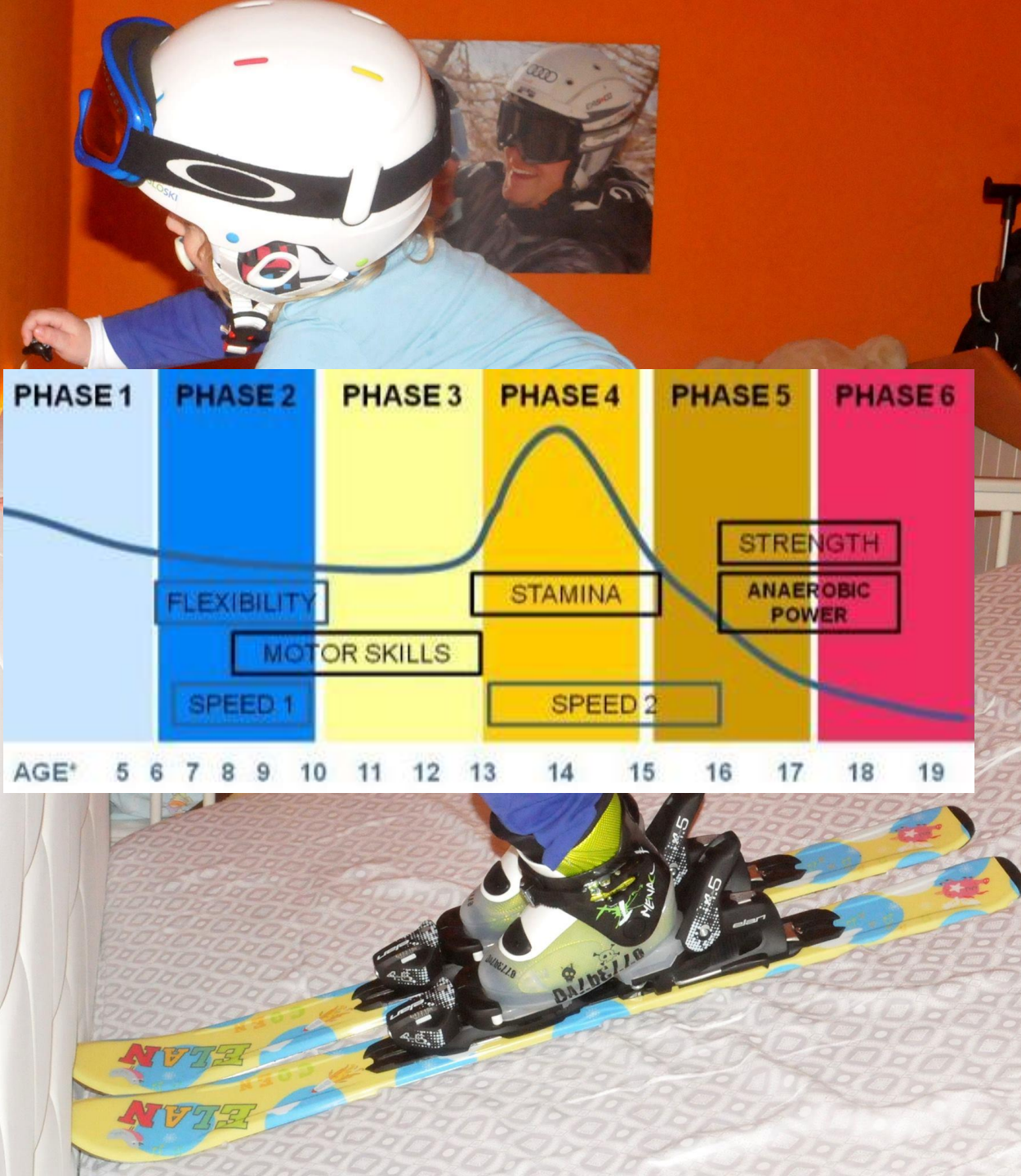


We should consider the child's physiological, cognitive, and emotional development when planning their training.





There are certain periods in a child's development where they can make maximal gains in certain areas, so different aspects of training will take priority during different phases.





Competition at each age level should reward their efforts in training as much as possible. Since their training focus will vary through the phases, the competition format should look different from that of a fully mature athlete.



A long-term approach to success may run counter to a short-term approach focused on results.



The athletes have to enjoy what they're doing to commit to it at higher levels and to pursue it as a life-long sport.



In summary:

- **LT**AD is “Long Term”, and must be long for maximal gains
- “Training age” makes a big difference (when young!)
- Making the life of an athlete long, takes a large foundation
- Athletes will train to the criterion standard.



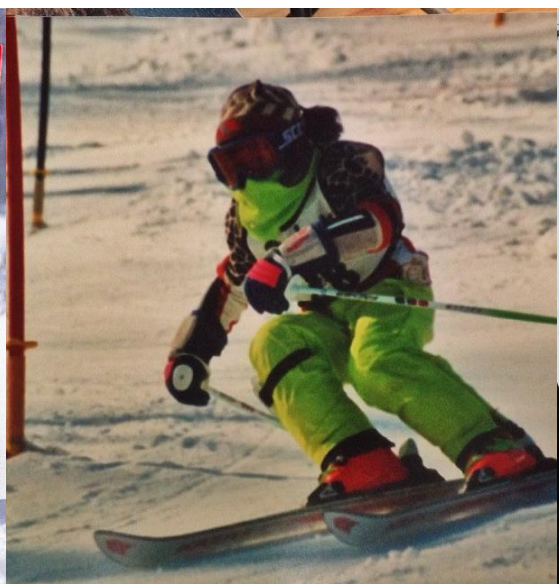


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Hedda Berntsen

Norwegian School of Sports Science, PhD



AUTONOMY-SUPPORTIVE COACHING STRATEGIES-For the love of skiing

By Hedda Berntsen









My master made me see the big lines

- The secret to success!

2. Whats our mission?

- To keep the love of skiing
- Athletic development



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Ultimate Skiing



*Master the
techniques of
great skiing*



3. What makes the athletes act?

Their motivation

- To be motivated simply means «to be moved»
- The fundamental question in psychological research into human motivation is: «What energizes and direct human behavior?»

4. My phd project

- The importance of autonomy supportive coaching on young athletes in development: a self determination theory perspective.
- An intervention program with coaching strategies
- selfdeterminationtheory.org

5. Self determination theory

- Offers a useful framework to explain the influence of coaching behavior on sports participation outcomes

Types of motivation in SDT

- Intrinsic motivation
- Extrinsic motivation
- Amotivation

Intrinsic motivation

- For enjoyment, pleasure, and fun
- No discernible reinforcement or reward
- Most children start sports for intrinsic reasons



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Extrinsic motivation

- A means to an end to gain a reward or avoid a punishment



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SDT divides between
autonomous and
controlling motives



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Autonomous motives

- Actions that are based on a persons own interests or values are reffered to as autonomous
- "Its fun", " its important to me", "I want to do well"

Controlling motives

- Controlling motives are based on external contingencies such as someone else's values and interest, or the social context.
- "I do not want to disappoint my coach", "I am afraid of the punishment".



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The autonomy continuum

Autonomous motivation – self-regulated

I do it because it is fun (intrinsic - autonomous)

I do it because it is part of who I am (integrated - autonomous)

I do it because it is important to me, it gives me meaning (identified)

I do it because I feel bad if I don't (introjected)

I do it so I won't let others down (external)

I do it because someone tells me I have to. I am afraid of punishment (controlled – external) **Controlled motivation**

Amotivation

An organismic theory

- SDT is an organismic theory that looks at people as active growth oriented organisms seeking to master their internal and external environments – when basic needs are supported

Basic psychological needs

- Innate psychological nutrients that are essential for ongoing psychological growth, integrity, and well-being.
- Autonomy, competence and relatedness.

The need for autonomy

- The need to perceive that we are the origin of our own actions







The need for competence

- The need to perceive our behavior as effective.









The need for relatedness

- The need to feel a secure sense of belongingness









Autonomy-support

- Perceived autonomy support is when the athletes feel that all their needs are satisfied.
- Increases the athletes intrinsic motivation and autonomous motives



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Athlete outcomes from the autonomy-supportive coaching style

- Is associated with need support and intrinsic motivation
- A greater feeling of well being and fun
- Athletic development – learning and performance
- Less drop-out



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Research has also shown need satisfaction to be important for not dropping out of sports (Sarrazin, Vallerand, Guillet, Pelletier, & Cury, 2002; Calvo, Cervello, Jimenez, Iglesias & Murcia, 2010). Research based on the SDT-framework has indicated that when athletes feel that their basic needs are satisfied, they develop self-regulated behavior, increase their training effort, well-being and athletic skills development (Joesaar, Hein & Hagger, 2012, 2010; Langan, Blake & Lonsdale, 2013; Sheldon & Watson, 2011; Sheldon & Niemiec, 2006). Intrinsic motivation increase learning: Beneware & Deci, 1984; Deci, Schwartz, Sheinman & Ryan, 1981; Valas & Sovik, 1993; Schunk & Zimmerman, 2008.

The controlling coaching style

- Is associated with need thwarting that undermines intrinsic motivation
- More drop-out
- Decreased well-being



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Internalization of the external motives

Motivation and persistence in sport behavior vary according to the degree of self-determination (autonomous motives) and by the degree of internalization of the external motives



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HOW?



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Autonomy-supportive coaching strategies

1. Provide choice within specific rules and limits
2. Provide a rationale for tasks and limits
3. Acknowledge the other person's feelings and perspectives
4. Provide athletes with opportunities for initiative taking and independent work
5. Provide non-controlling competence feedback
6. Avoid controlling behaviors – avoid overt control – avoid criticism and controlling statements – avoid tangible rewards for interesting tasks
7. Prevent ego involvement in athletes



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1. Provide choice within specific rules and limits

- Skill: clarification of the responsibilities



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2. Provide a rationale for tasks and limits

- Skill: Share knowledge to enhance competence and autonomy
- Why you choose a specific training, why it is important to know about technique or tactics or why rest is important



3. Acknowledge the other person's feelings and perspectives

- Skill: Active listening



4. Provide athletes with opportunities for initiative taking and independent work

- Skill: Open questions. How can you solve that? How can you spin faster? What can you do to improve... have more fun..?



5. Provide non-controlling competence feedback

- Skill: positive feedback that acknowledges initiative: "its great to see that you stayed after practice last night to practice that stepping drill"
- Skill: Factual, non-judgemental feedback about problems: "your take-of happens a moment to early for you to gain maximum hight"



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6. Avoid controlling behaviors

(avoid overt control – avoid criticism and controlling statements – avoid tangible rewards for interesting tasks)

- Skill: trust the athletes!!!
- Skill: praise



7. Prevent ego

involvement in athletes

- Skill: compare the athletes to themselves
- Skill: Focus on mastery and effort in the group
- Skill: Give all the athletes attention – when they do well and when they are struggling



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The key to success; for the love of skiing and development

- Know how to energize the athletes motivation
- Autonomy-supportive coaching strategies and athletes own awareness



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good luck

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Dr Jenny Shute

MBE; FIS Medical Committee



Concussion

...head injury associated with temporary loss of brain function



What is Concussion?

- ◆ Concussion is a complex process caused by trauma that transmits force to the brain either directly or indirectly and results in temporary impairment of brain function.
- ◆ Its development and resolution are rapid and spontaneous.
- ◆ An athlete can sustain a concussion without losing consciousness.
- ◆ Concussion reflects a functional rather than structural injury and standard neuro-imaging is typically normal

Cartoon fun...



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Lewis Moody

Former England rugby captain

- 💧 ‘We used to treat concussion as a joke’
- 💧 ‘For me, concussion wasn’t a big deal, it was something I could just shake off’
- 💧 ‘When I was playing, if someone got knocked out it was always a laughing matter’



A hot topic

- ◆ Mail on Sunday – Concussion Campaign
- ◆ BBC News feature, Friday 1st November 2013
- ◆ FIS – Concussion Guidance added to the FIS Medical Guide, June 2013
- ◆ FIFA World Cup Final 2014

‘Is this the World Cup Final???’



Estimated Prevalence...

- ◆ Concussion is the most common injury in Rugby Union and League -> 5.1-9.08 instances in every 1000 playing hours
- ◆ 6.5 in Ice Hockey
- ◆ 3.35 in American Football
- ◆ **What about our sport???**

OSTRC Study

Head injuries in all FIS Disciplines

Total number of head injuries, including concussion, (with percentages) in the FIS disciplines reported through the last seven seasons:

◆ Freestyle	81 (12.1%)
◆ Snowboarding	89 (11.9%)
◆ Alpine	56 (8.4%)
◆ Telemark	7 (4.6%)

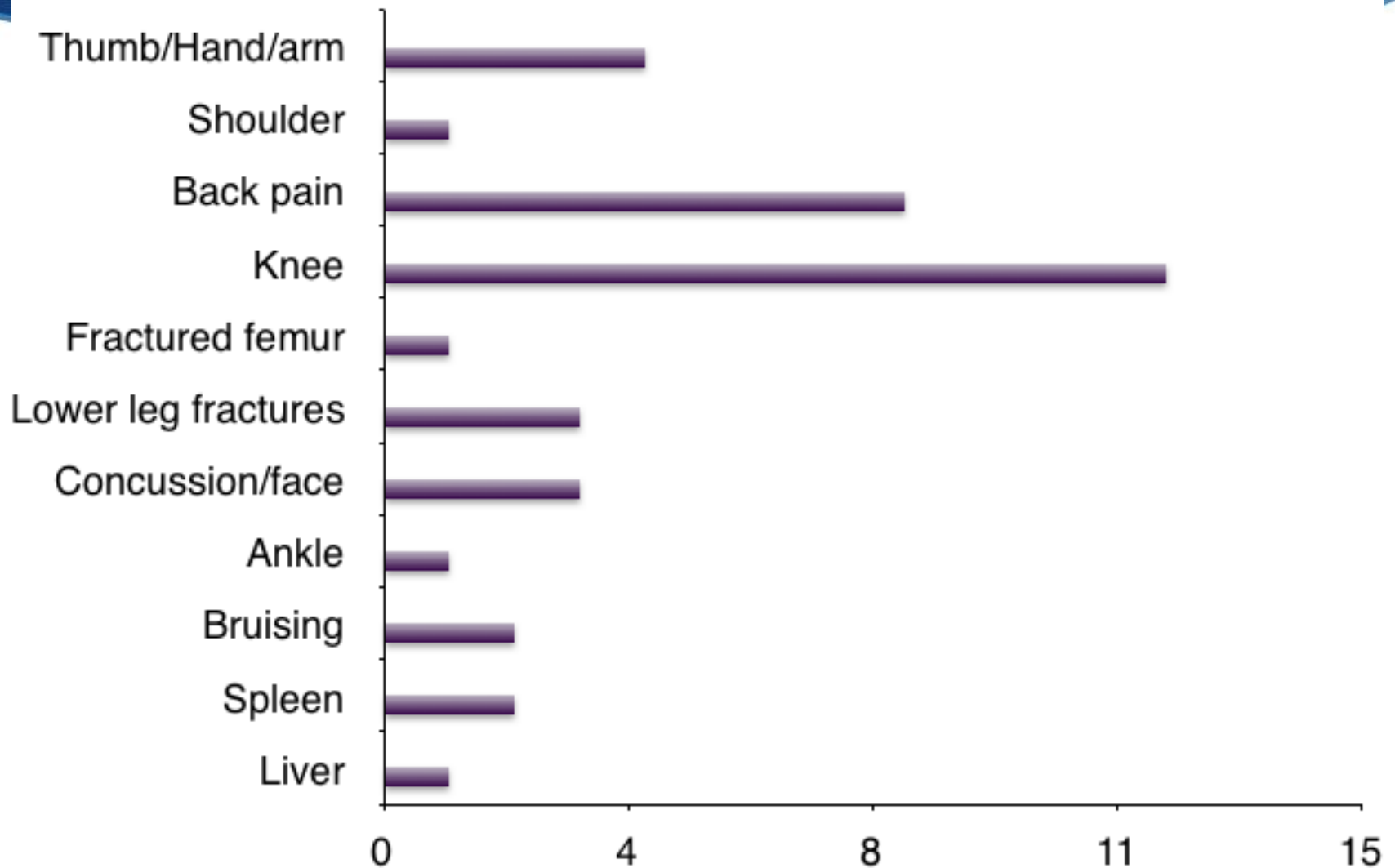
Nordic Disciplines

- ◆ Ski jumping – relatively few injuries, but of course a risk of concussion
- ◆ Cross-Country – again low risk, but one case of concussion reported at World Cup level last season

GBR - Injuries on Snow – total 37

(Children's Injury study 2013, JCS)

4/37, 10.8% Concussion



What can we do to prevent concussion?

◆ EQUIPMENT

- ◆ Helmets, to the latest / highest standards

◆ ENVIRONMENT

- ◆ Safety netting / mattresses on solid objects
- ◆ Ensure courses clear of obstacles / people
- ◆ Protected courses and finish areas / landing zones

◆ TECHNIQUE

- ◆ Technical skills, as well as agility, coordination, fitness – prevention of falls

◆ RULES & RESPECT

- ◆ Safe training areas; discipline!

Can a helmet prevent concussion?

- ◆ **NO**

- ◆ While a helmet cannot prevent a concussion, a properly fitted helmet is one of the best strategies to prevent catastrophic head and brain injuries, which may be irreversible

- ◆ Mouthguards / faceguards....?

- ◆ Again, no. But they can protect the face / teeth from direct injury



...not all perfect turns end smoothly



Photo: Neil McQuoid

Some falls don't end in concussion...



Photo: Neil McQuoid

....but some do

- EDUCATION

- Recognition
- Assessment
- Management, including Return to Play
- Complications

Recognition

- ◆ A variety of symptoms and signs accompany concussion including
 - ◆ somatic (such as headache)
 - ◆ cognitive (such as feeling in a fog)
 - ◆ emotional (such as emotional instability)
 - ◆ physical signs (such as loss of consciousness or amnesia), behavioural changes (such as irritability)
 - ◆ cognitive impairment (such as slowed reaction times)
 - ◆ and/or sleep disturbances, drowsiness

Remember....

- ◆ *Less than 10% of sports-related concussions had associated loss of consciousness.*

(From a 2010 American Paediatrics review article focusing on children and adolescents)

Management

- ◆ First and most important - Recognition
 - ◆ *NB - Bear in mind that many concussed athletes will not recognise their own concussion, and many/most will want to play on...*
- ◆ Secondly, Assessment on the field of play:
 - ◆ Observation
 - ◆ SCAT testing – baseline -> sideline (normally by physicians)
 - ◆ Pocket assessment tool (others also available for medical professional use) – Pocket Concussion Recognition Tool

Pocket CONCUSSION RECOGNITION TOOL™

To help identify concussion in children, youth and adults



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RECOGNIZE & REMOVE

Concussion should be suspected **if one or more** of the following visible clues, signs, symptoms or errors in memory questions are present.

1. Visible clues of suspected concussion

Any one or more of the following visual clues can indicate a possible concussion:

Loss of consciousness or responsiveness
Lying motionless on ground/Slow to get up
Unsteady on feet / Balance problems or falling over/Incoordination
Grabbing/Clutching of head
Dazed, blank or vacant look
Confused/Not aware of plays or events

2. Signs and symptoms of suspected concussion

Presence of any one or more of the following signs & symptoms may suggest a concussion:

- Loss of consciousness
- Seizure or convulsion
- Balance problems
- Nausea or vomiting
- Drowsiness
- More emotional
- Irritability
- Sadness
- Fatigue or low energy
- Nervous or anxious
- "Don't feel right"
- Difficulty remembering
- Headache
- Dizziness
- Confusion
- Feeling slowed down
- "Pressure in head"
- Blurred vision
- Sensitivity to light
- Amnesia
- Feeling like "in a fog"
- Neck Pain
- Sensitivity to noise
- Difficulty concentrating

3. Memory function

Failure to answer any of these questions correctly may suggest a concussion.

- "What venue are we at today?"
- "Which half is it now?"
- "Who scored last in this game?"
- "What team did you play last week / game?"
- "Did your team win the last game?"

Any athlete with a suspected concussion should be IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM PLAY, and should not be returned to activity until they are assessed medically. Athletes with a suspected concussion should not be left alone and should not drive a motor vehicle.

It is recommended that, in all cases of suspected concussion, the player is referred to a medical professional for diagnosis and guidance as well as return to play decisions, even if the symptoms resolve.

RED FLAGS

If ANY of the following are reported then the player should be safely and immediately removed from the field. If no qualified medical professional is available, consider transporting by ambulance for urgent medical assessment:

- Athlete complains of neck pain
- Increasing confusion or irritability
- Repeated vomiting
- Seizure or convulsion
- Weakness or tingling/burning in arms or legs
- Deteriorating conscious state
- Severe or increasing headache
- Unusual behaviour change
- Double vision

Remember:

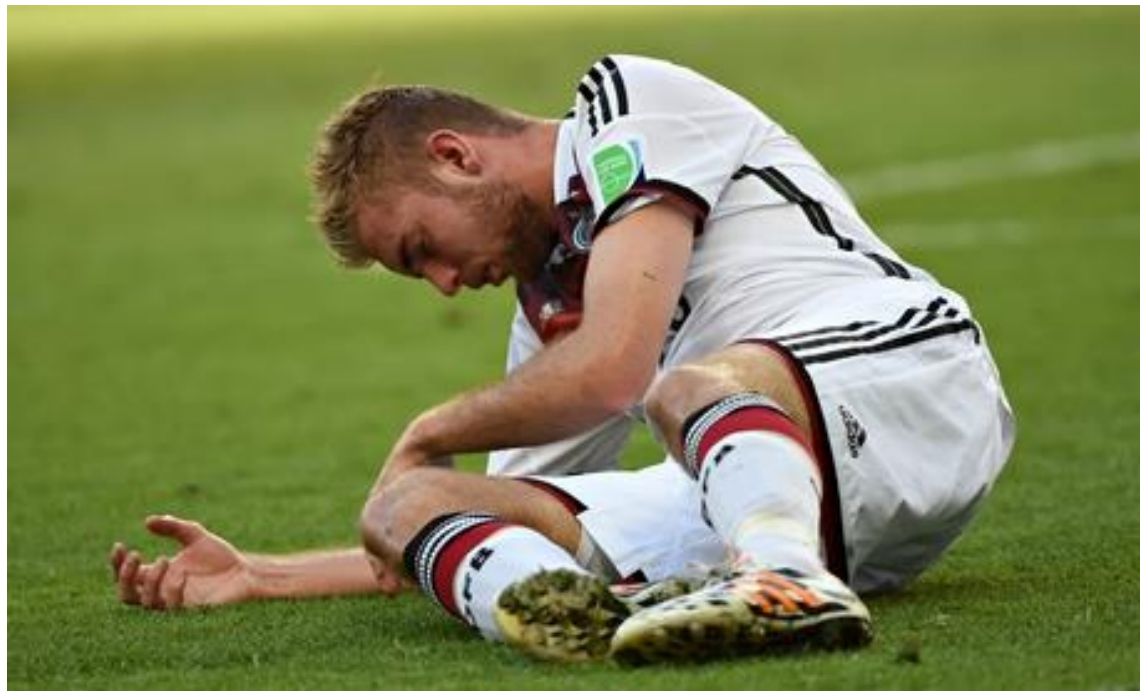
- In all cases, the basic principles of first aid (danger, response, airway, breathing, circulation) should be followed.
- Do not attempt to move the player (other than required for airway support) unless trained to do so.
- Do not remove helmet (if present) unless trained to do so.

from McCrory et al, Consensus Statement on Concussion in Sport. Br J Sports Med 47 (5), 2013

Breath test...?

- ◆ A breath test that successfully detects key chemicals produced by the damaged brain is under development
- ◆ When found in the bloodstream, these chemicals are known to indicate a brain injury
- ◆ The chemicals include the central nervous system metabolite N-acetylaspartate (NAA), and the proteins S100B and GFAP.
- ◆ Further trials will establish whether this breathalyser can be used to make a reliable field of play diagnosis...

“I can’t remember that much from the game,” Kramer said. “I don’t know anything from the first half. I thought later that I went straight off after the incident. How I got to the changing rooms I do not know. I don’t know anything else. The game, in my head, starts only in the second half.”



Christoph Kramer GER, FIFA World Cup Final 2014

The simple answer....

- ◆ Recognise & Remove

- ◆ Barry O'Driscoll (father of IRE rugby captain) – 'You need to take them off the field at the first signs of suspected concussion and not put them back. It's that simple.'
- ◆ Duty of Care; legal requirements in some nations
- ◆ International protocols drawn from Consensus meetings involving many sports (Zürich 2012)

From the FIS Medical Guide (2013)

The *musts*...

- ◆ Concussion must be taken extremely seriously to safeguard the long-term welfare of athletes.
- ◆ Athletes suspected of having concussion must be removed from play and must not resume competition or training.
- ◆ Athletes suspected of having concussion must be medically assessed.
- ◆ Athletes suspected of having concussion or diagnosed with concussion must go through a graduated return to play protocol (GRTP). Details to be found in FIS Concussion Guidelines – *normally in association with, and led by, physicians*
- ◆ Athletes must receive medical clearance before returning to play... ->

Return to Play

- ◆ Being free of symptoms doesn't necessarily mean the brain has recovered
- ◆ As a coach, you should not allow an athlete who has suffered a concussion to return to training unless he has a letter from a doctor (preferably one who has experience in concussion management) stating that he is fit to return
- ◆ Return to play is normally 'Graduated', monitored at each stage by a doctor – protocols are published on the FIS website – with a 24 hour rest break between each stepwise increase in activity, assuming free of symptoms. **LONGER IF DOCTOR NOT INVOLVED.**
- ◆ Rehabilitation – Jockey Club work ongoing

Complications:

- Short term
- Long term



A Cautionary Tale

Repeated concussions, SIS

- ◆ The story of a young British athlete
- ◆ Second Impact Syndrome – RARE, but important / serious

'A' has kindly allowed me to use his story as a case study

A's Story

Age 12

- ◆ At foot of hill, I hear of 'minor' head injury, skied into piste machine, cut above eyebrow, not ko'd
- ◆ Doctor on hill sutures wound, we sit in café to wait for team to finish training
- ◆ After an hour, headache comes on, so we decide to return to hotel, given lift by AND nurse
- ◆ Half way down, headache much worse, vomits, call emergency ambulance
- ◆ Quick arrival of ambulance; he deteriorates rapidly into coma
- ◆ Immediate CT scans, rapid treatment, 8 hours altered consciousness/personality/behaviour, unaware of surroundings
- ◆ Apparently full recovery, and returned home with the team

Second Impact Syndrome

- ◆ He admitted three or four serious concussions in the preceding months
- ◆ Finally (16 years later) admits to me that he *was* ko'd, for maybe 10-15 seconds, but didn't want to say anything at the time, as he had been told by his own doctors that he couldn't continue to play rugby if it happened again
- ◆ *Children are more susceptible to second impact syndrome than adults*
- ◆ Note that the impact leading to SIS may be *relatively minor*, not necessary to have loss of consciousness
- ◆ ITA skier Leonardo David – h/o recent concussion -> second impact (on landing a small jump, no fall) led to immediate coma from which he never recovered (Lake Placid 1979)
- ◆ Some studies suggest that up to 50% of instances of SIS may have fatal outcome, with almost 100% morbidity

What actually happens in SIS?

- ◆ The brain's arterioles lose their ability to regulate their diameter and therefore lose control over cerebral blood flow, causing massive cerebral oedema
- ◆ increase of blood and brain volume within the skull causes a rapid and severe increase in intracranial pressure, which can in turn cause brain herniation through the foramen magnum at the base of the skull

Second Impact Syndrome

Can we prevent it?

- ◆ It is not possible to predict who will get SIS, or when it will occur
- ◆ **The best we can do is to monitor and ensure that *full recovery* takes place following every concussion-type injury**
- ◆ Remember, it is RARE, but we can't afford to take risks!

Long term - back with Lewis Moody...

The Mail on Sunday September 22, 2013

September 22, 2013 The Mail on Sunday



DOUBLE TROUBLE:

Lewis Moody was knocked out soon after the international to charge down a dangerous kick in England's 2011 World Cup clash with France. But he picked up the same injury on the pitch only to suffer a second blow to the head later in the game.



Former England captain Lewis Moody launches The Mail on Sunday's campaign for action to tackle the deadliest injury problem facing rugby

MOODY: We used to treat concussion as a joke... now I worry about getting dementia

The Mail on Sunday calls on rugby's ruling bodies to:

- 1 Commission an independent, scientific investigation into the incidence of concussion in rugby and the effect of repeated head trauma, including any links to serious neurological conditions.
- 2 Compel coaches and players at all levels of the game to undergo training in concussion awareness and treatment.
- 3 Introduce compulsory medical examinations by independent doctors for any player suffering more than one concussion within a three-month period.
- 4 Oblige all clubs and encourage all rugby-playing schools to display concussion information posters in clubhouse and changing rooms.
- 5 Enforce penalties for any failure to implement the above.

A link with dementia...

- ◆ CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy) - Dementia pugilistica, better known as 'punch drunk'
- ◆ Symptoms include memory, speech and personality problems, tremors and a lack of coordination
- ◆ First recognised in boxing - onset 12-16 years after boxer's career begins
- ◆ Dr Willie Stewart has proven what he believes to be the first case of early onset dementia caused by playing rugby, proven by neuropathological examination

Rugby's Ticking Time Bomb...

Mail on Sunday Concussion Campaign

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Where to find the Concussion Policy and Tools

- ◆ Zurich 2012 – Consensus Statement on Concussion in Sport
 - ◆ <http://bjsm.bmj.com/content/47/5/250.full>
- ◆ **FIS Medical Guide 2013**
 - ◆ <http://www.fis-ski.com/inside-fis/medical-antidoping/medical-publications/>
- ◆ Appendices:
 - ◆ Pocket Concussion Recognition Tool
 - ◆ SCAT3 (for physicians)
 - ◆ SCAT3 Child (for physicians)

Duty of Care

- ◆ It is the responsibility of all concerned* to ensure recognition and best practice management of a concussed athlete
 - ◆ **other players, coaches, race officials, TDs, parents, spectators...*
- ◆ Recognise & Remove, and then involve physicians
- ◆ Remember
 - ◆ there may not have been a loss of consciousness
 - ◆ the player may not recognise his/her own concussion
- ◆ After the recent death (Sept 2013) of a 14 year old Irish schoolboy rugby player from suspected SIS, the coroner said ...
 - ◆ 'I think absolutely everybody should learn from this'



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Afternoon session will start at 13:30



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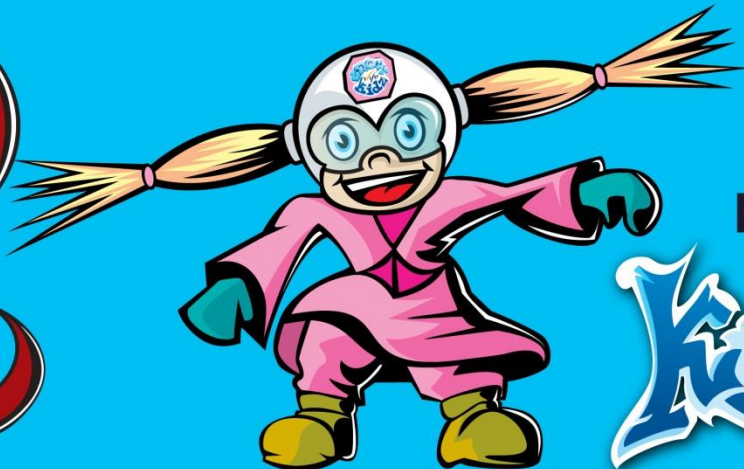


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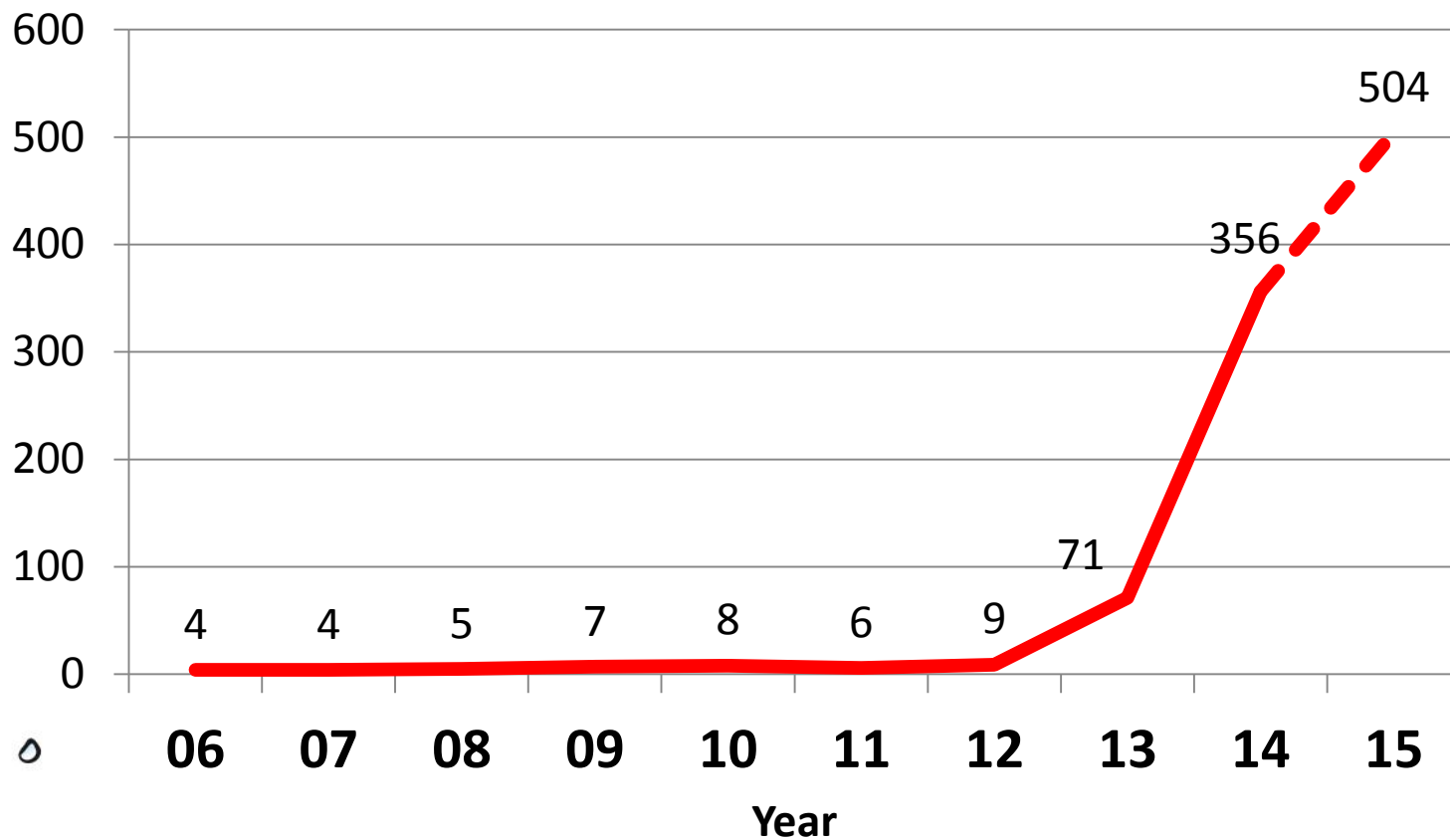


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Number of Events



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469 Events
106 Organisers
35 Countries

Event Examples



Valle Nevado (CHI): Stream Race

Temple Basin (NZE): SnowKidz Temple Basin

Throughout Netherlands: Wintersport Experience

Throughout Belgium: Lets go Snow

Throughout Germany: Kids on Snow Tour

Throughout Austria: Skifahren mit Flocke

Alaska (USA): NANA Nordic

Europa Park (GER): SnowKidz Playground

Ideas

CookBooks

- *Kids Olympics*
- *Ski Jumping Concept*

SnowKidz Award Case Studies

- *Netherlands: Wintersport expereince*
- *USA: NANA Nordic*
- *Finland: Lasten Mäkiviikko*





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Children's Lift Ticket Prices

Globally, the number of snow sports participants is static and in some cases slowly falling. There is a general agreement that the future of winter sports relies on children taking up the sport at a young age. Whilst there are many ways to encourage children to participate in winter sports, one area under constant debate is the price of lift passes. The following report is an objective look at lift pass prices for children globally and common pricing initiatives used.

Children's Lift Ticket Prices

Children are free until age:	5
Start age for child ticket:	6
End age for child ticket:	14
Start age for teen ticket:	15
End age for teen ticket:	18
Family Discounts:	No
Currency:	Euro
Lowest 1 day child lift ticket price:	20.00
Highest 1 day child lift ticket price:	22.00
Lowest 1 day teen lift ticket price:	32.00
Highest 1 day teen lift ticket price:	35.00
Lowest 6 day child lift ticket price:	105.00
Highest 6 day child lift ticket price:	108.00
Lowest 6 day teen lift ticket price:	168.00
Highest 6 day teen lift ticket price:	173.00
Online purchase available ?	No
Website:	www.badkleinkirchheim.at

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?? Participants

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World Snow Day Goals

- Average 500 events, 40 countries
- 800'000 by 2017
- 20 events with safety actions
- 20 events with environmental actions
- Partnership with a body recognising the health benefits of snow sports



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- WFSGI
- FESI
- Sanetta





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The People

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Stream Eventos





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Snowkidz and Stream Race Event

Venue: 26th to 30th of July 2014

Local: Valle Nevado

1. Stream Eventos Company
2. How we organized our Snowkidz
3. How we publicized the event
4. How we motivated the Family to participate
5. How was our Snowkidz
6. Future Action

Stream

E v e n t o s

- Stream Eventos is an events company located in São Paulo, Brazil.
- We organize and coordinate domestic and international corporate events.
- Partners have more than 15 years of experience in the field.
- Desire to diversify led us to SnowKidz.





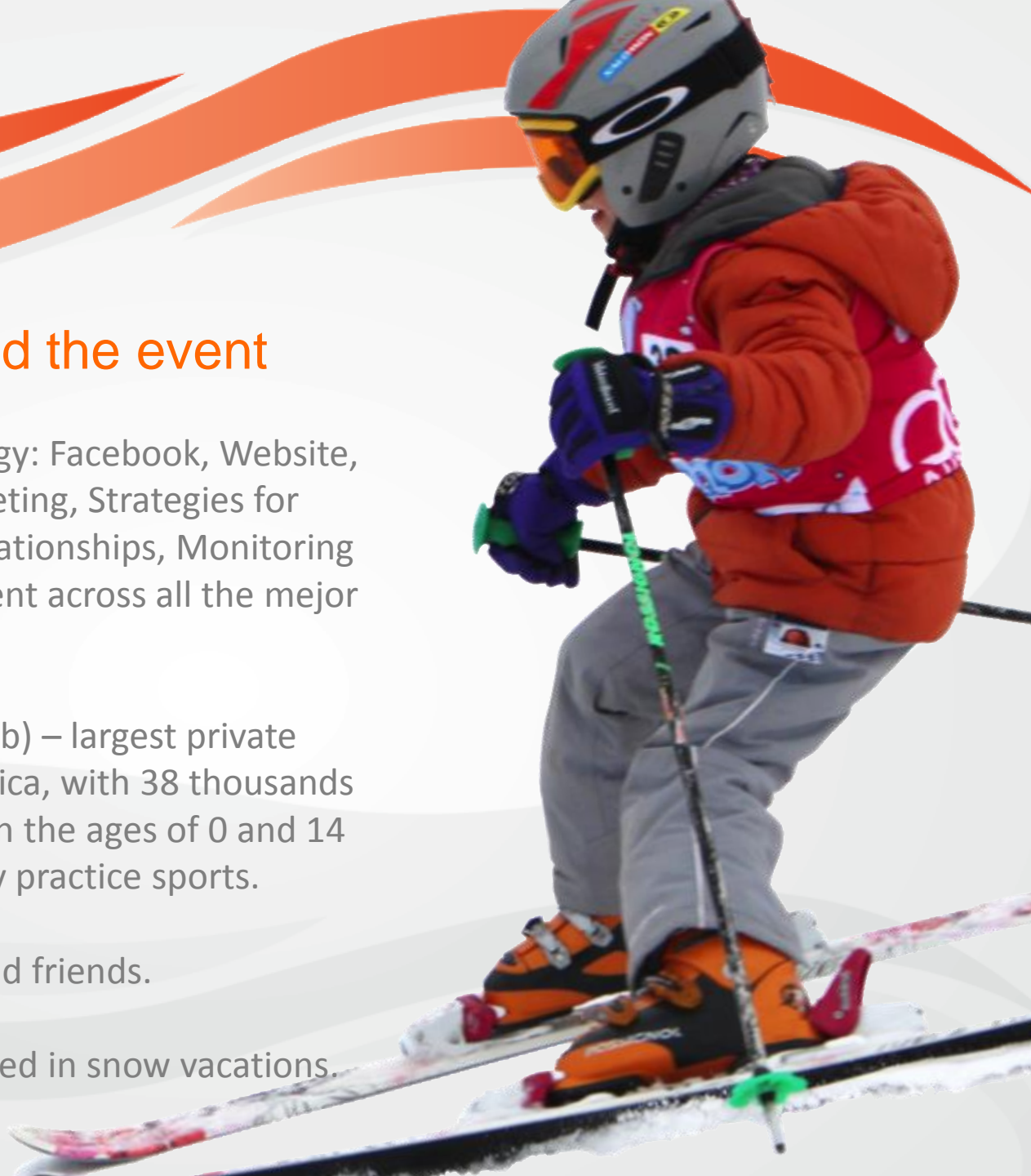
How we organized our

snowkidz

- We chose Valle Nevado, Chile to hold the event.
- Studied the activities to attract not only kids but entire families.
- Searched for sponsors.
- Support from CBDN – Brazilian Snow Sports Federation was very important.

How we publicized the event

- Digital Marketing Strategy: Facebook, Website, Newsletters, Email Marketing, Strategies for Building Loyalty and Relationships, Monitoring Activities and Engagement across all the major networks .
- ECP (Pinheiros Sport Club) – largest private sport club in Latin America, with 38 thousands associates, 16% between the ages of 0 and 14 (6.000 kids) who already practice sports.
- Some private schools and friends.
- Travel agencies specialized in snow vacations.





How we motivated families to participate

- Brazilians, in general, enjoy traveling in groups.
- Curiosity about snow: not only to see it but also to touch and feel it.
- The novelty of such event in South America.
- No fee to participate.
- Free gifts
- The ludic competition aspect of the event (Stream Race) was the deciding factor.

"The kids went crazy when I told them about the race".



- ✓ Cocktail for the event opening
- ✓ Free Snowboard Classes
- ✓ Snowshoes Walking
- ✓ Snow Sculpture Contest
- ✓ Family and Individual Races
- ✓ Stream Race Kit (bag and mug), Medal, FIS Certificate and t- shirt of the event
- ✓ More than 1.000 Facebook likes

37 Children

US\$ 50,000.00 Investment



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Future Actions

GOAL 1 – SNOWKIDZ 2015

- One week event
- Each day a different activity
- Activities for newcomers
- New challenges to keep the participants of SnowKidz 2014

TARGET
100 CHILDREN



How?

- Offering ludic activities from the last SnowKidz: free snowboard classes, snowshoes walking and snow sculpture contest.
- Offering NEW activities: free ski/ snowboard freestyle and slopestyle classes.
- Other possibilities: cross-country and biathlon.
- Ski and snowboard family and individual races.

INVESTMENTS vs SPONSORS

- Maintain the Digital and Social Media Strategy: add Twitter, you tube , digital quiz/ contest
- Press support to publicize the event.
- Promotional action at ECP (Pinheiros Sport Club) and some private schools.
- All of the above to attract sponsors and supporters.



GOAL 2 – ROLLERSKI 2015

- Organizing rollerski events in Brazil with Leandro Ribela.
- The 1st Rollerski SnowKidz in ECP (Pinheiros Sport Club).
- Organizing three or four events annually.
- Buying 20 rollerski kits (rollerskis, boots and poles).

US\$ 75,000.00 is the investment we need to achieve both goals

Special thanks to all sponsors
and supporters who made the
first SnowKidz event in
Latin America possible.



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Pedro Farromba (POR)

Portuguese Ski Federation

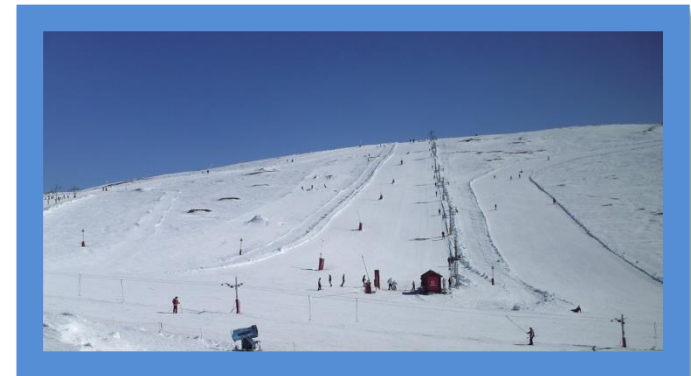


FIS Youth and Children's Seminar



About Portugal

- Portugal is a country located in South-Western Europe, known by the good climate, beaches, great history and good food.
- Portugal has just one small Ski Station, in Serra da Estrela, the only mountain with snow in entire country.
- Portugal has two Dry Slopes, one in Lisbon and other in Serra da Estrela.



Our Strategy

- A few years ago, despite the lack of snow conditions, our team realized the Portuguese winter sports wasn't growing and developing as they should, so, we decide to change our strategy of working and way of thinking.
- Instead of focus all our attention to the Junior and Senior athletes, we decide give more importance to the youngest skiers, concentrating our efforts in help our kids learn and developing their skills.
- Since 2009, when we create the first programs entirely targeted for children, its possible to see the good results year after year.

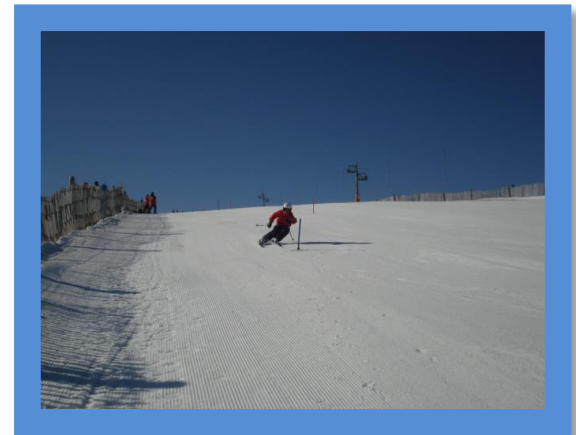


- *Brincar na Neve* is the Portuguese translation of *Play in the Snow*. We chose that name because the program is not only about skiing and snowboarding, it's a way to know and feel all the fun and joy that snow can offer.
- This is the oldest children program in Portugal, in 2015 we will start the 7th edition.
- It's a program intended to kids between 6 and 10 years old, that consists in follow the children during 4 weekends, over the season, to teach them to skiing.
- Since *Play in the Snow* was started, we initiated and teach more than 250 kids to do ski and snowboard.





- After the first editions of *Play In The Snow* we realize that some kids will need to keep working and developing their potential skills.
- We chose some of the most talented children we identify at *Play In the Snow*, and invite them to participate in this program.
- The aim of *BN'Pro* is work with kids to prepare a possible future inclusion in junior national teams.
- *BN'Pro* works like *Play in the Snow*, but we start teaching some technical aspects to prepare the kids to start competing.





- In 2011 we start working directly with local schools, after two years developing our work strategy and processes we decide to take the next step.
- This year we start a new program named SKI 4 ALL, the aim of this project is put 1000 school kids to skiing.
- With support of Portuguese Government and the multinational Pizza Hut we are now giving the opportunity of many kids have their first ski experience for free.

International prospecting

- Some countries with a big tradition in snow sports like France, Switzerland, USA, Canada and Germany have large Portuguese communities, so, one of our biggest efforts was identify and establish good relationships with those immigrants communities.
- Since we start working with those communities we were able to identify some young athletes with big potential and introduce them in you national teams.
- In last years we improved our performance in several international competitions, not only because of the inclusion of new athletes, but also because this good relationship with Portuguese communities allow us provide better conditions and new places for training to Portuguese athletes who live in Portugal



Competitions

- We know healthy competition is an important motivation for young people, so we decided to create some races just for kids.
- These races are not just important to promote our sports and give to the kids a chance to show what they learn, it's a good way to promote our sport facilities, like dry slopes.
- A huge part of the participants in programs like *Play in the Snow* and *BN'Pro* are participating in these races, by the good results they accomplish a lot of them are recruited to join the clubs.



Some Results

- Since 2009 our athletes with ages below 14 years grew by 150%
- In 2014, 35% of the young competitors at national championships has participated, at least one time, in FDI-Portugal teaching programs.
- This season some of the first kids that participate in *Play in the Snow* will compete, for the first time, in FIS Races.
- In U14 and U16 Nacional teams, more than 60% of the athletes participate, at least one time, in FDI-Portugal teaching programs.
- In 2012, Andrea Bugnone won the first Portuguese medals in any international competition (Borrufa)
- In 2014 Portugal qualify, for the first time, two athletes for the Olympics at Alpine Skiing.

Thank You



The People

Choose One









Let's Bring Children to the
Snow together

Thank you



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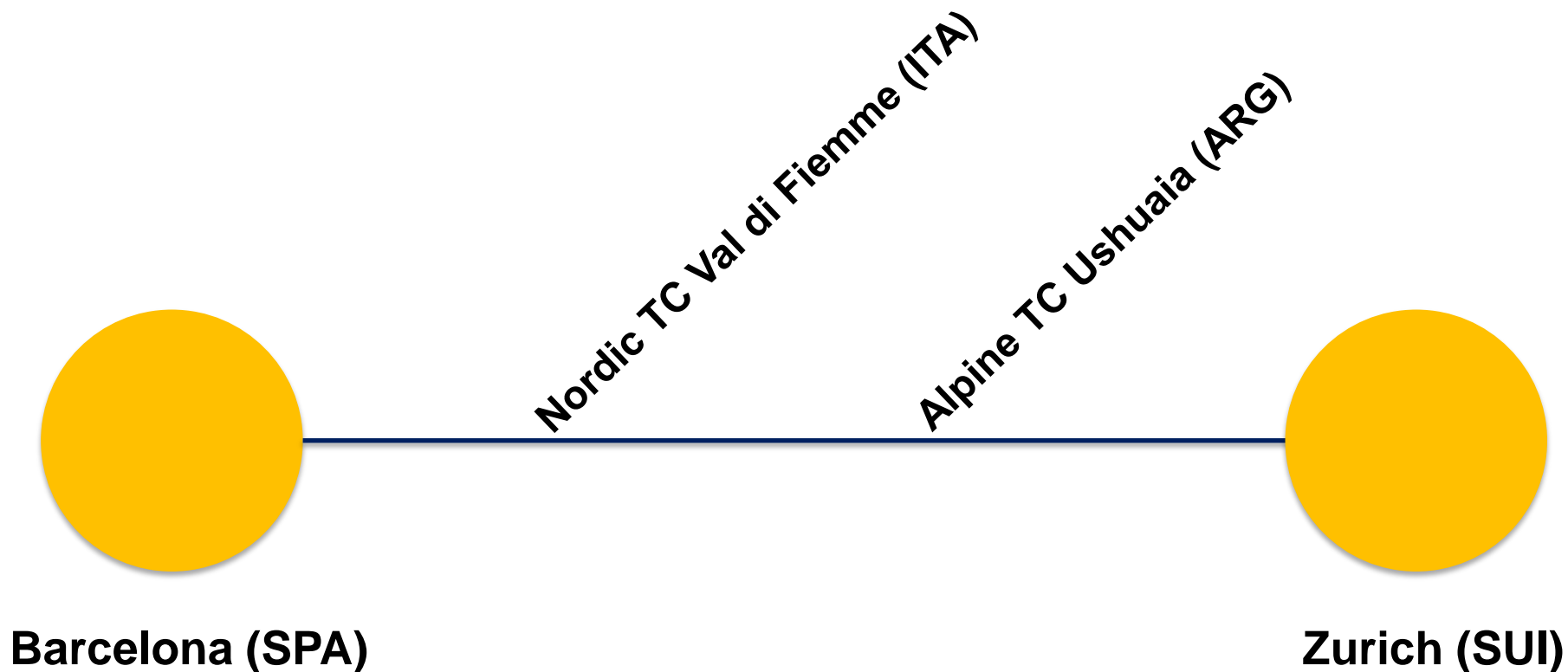
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FIS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME SUMMER ACTIVITIES



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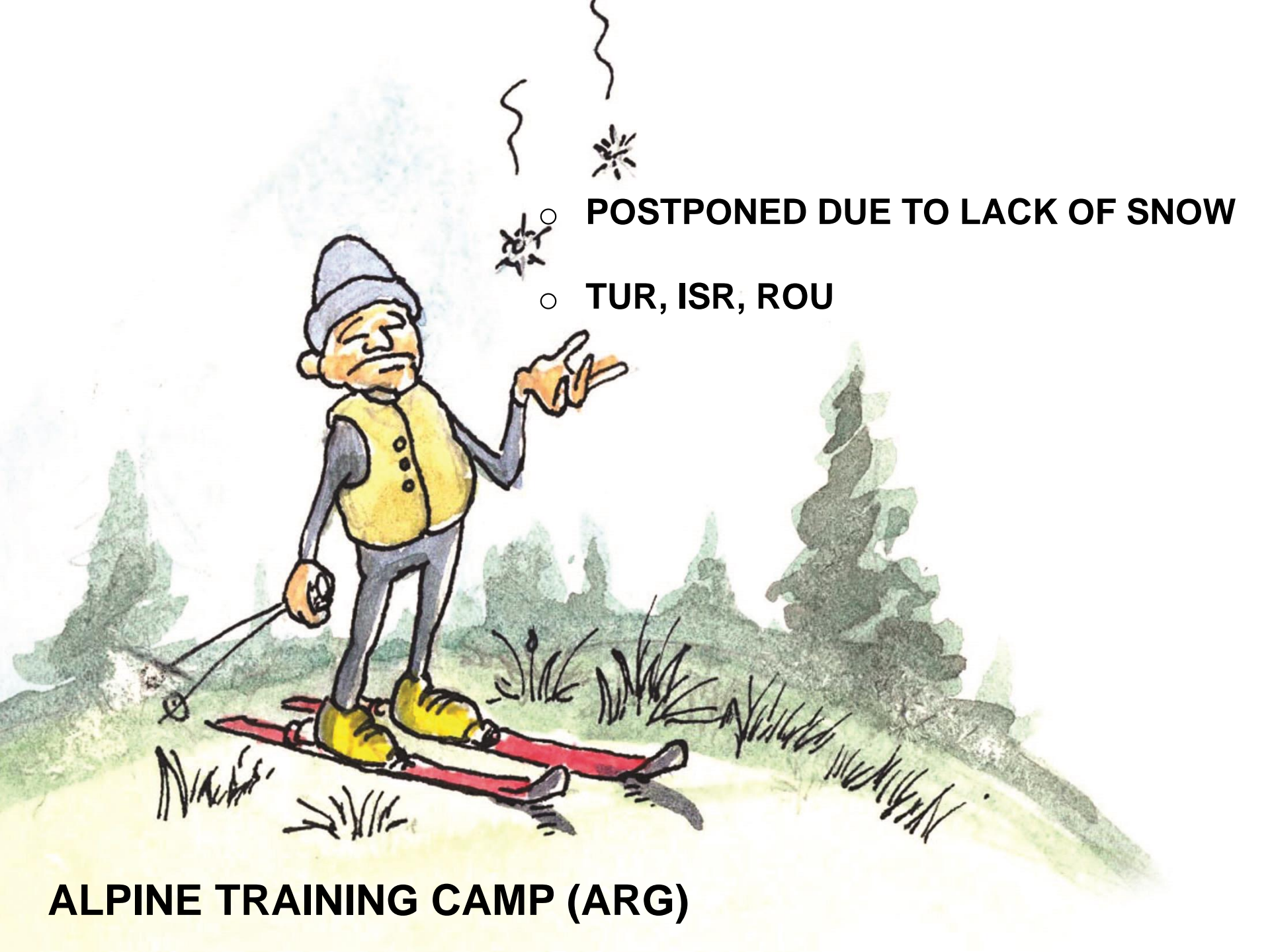


- **INCREASED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM 50 TO 75**
- **13 NATIONALITIES**

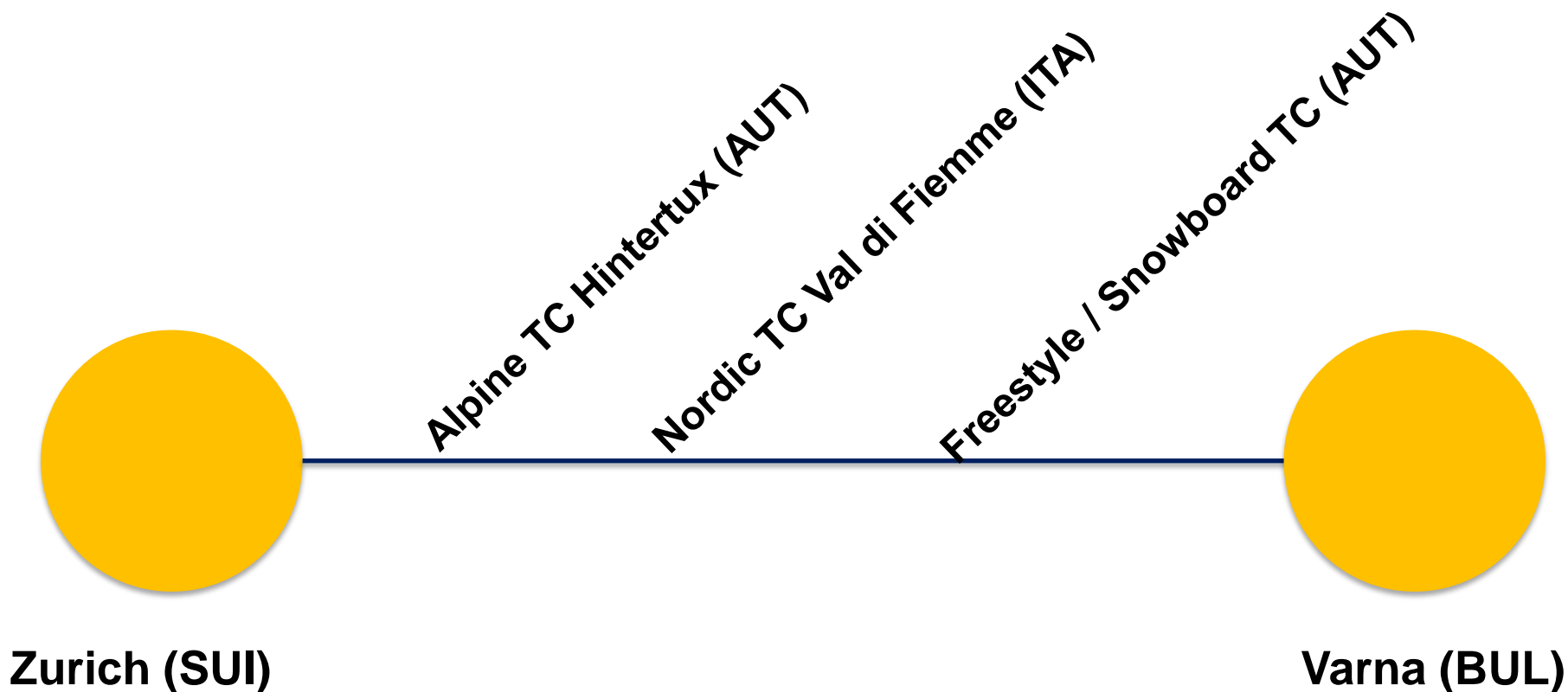
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ALPINE TRAINING CAMP (ARG)



FIS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WINTER ACTIVITIES



FREE TRAINING DAYS 2014 / 2015



Deadline!
17th October

The National Ski Associations and the Organisers will be informed of the allocation by **24th October 2014**.

LEADERS SEMINAR

2002	Kiev Ukraine (NSA-Seminar)
2003	Minsk (BEL) /Snow Seminar (CYP)
2004	Kiev (UKR)
2005	Tessaloniki (GRE)
2006	Bucharest (ROU)
2007	Bansko (BUL)
2008	Interlaken (SUI)
2009	Lausanne (SUI)
2010	Bratislava (SVK)
2011	Budapest (HUN)
2012	Yerevan (ARM)
2013	Zurich (SUI) / Y&C
2014	Barcelona (SPA)



2015 Vilnius or Druskininkai, decision: Working Group



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