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# Physical Education Teachers and Strength and Conditioning Coaches' Perceptions of Motor Competencies Across Different Stages of Maturity

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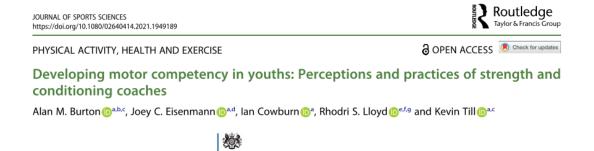






## Study Background and Research Aims





**Aims:** To investigate PE teachers and S&C coaches perceptions of motor competency importance and compare perceptions across different stages of maturity.



Physical education programmes of study: key stages 3 and 4

National curriculum in England





## Methods

# Identifying motor competencies

•List of motor competencies adapted and condensed from Burton et al., 2021.



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Designing and administering questionnaire



- Questionnaire designed using Qualtrics.
- Sent out online to PE teachers and S&C coaches via professional networks (e.g., LinkedIn) and social media (e.g., Twitter).

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Carying Tackling and wrestling

### **Data collection**

• PE teachers and S&C coaches scored each motor competency from 1-5 based on their importance at each stage of maturation (childhood, pre-PHV, circa-PHV, post-PHV).

## **Analysis**

- Frequency analysis.
- •Responses combined to identify important motor competencies.
- •Frequencies converted to percentages and qualitative terms applied to show magnitude of agreement.





# Results

	PE teacher's perceptions											
	Childhood			Pre PHV			Circa PHV			Post PHV		
	Mean	STDEV	% <b>4</b> or 5	Mean		<b>% 4</b> or 5	Mean	STDEV			STDEV	
Running	4.68	0.66	85	4.40	0.71	70	4.23	0.84	61	3.96	1.14	55
Sprinting	3.36	1.15	31	3.96	0.88	49	4.40	0.71	70	4.34	0.89	68
Change of speed	3.68	1.02	40	4.17	0.73	57	4.34	0.70	66	4.45	0.85	73
Change of direction	4.13	1.06	60	4.40	0.74	69	4.53	0.62	76	4.32	0.89	66
Reactive agility	3.89	1.18	53	4.19	0.88	62	4.23	0.73	61	4.09	0.90	55
Jumping	4.43	0.83	71	4.49	0.75	75	4.19	0.80	59	3.96	0.93	48
Landing	4.30	0.93	66	4.32	0.69	65	4.30	0.75	64	4.09	0.93	56
Hopping & Bounding	4.02	0.97	53	4.26	0.74	62	4.11	0.76	55	4.02	0.90	53
Core bracing	3.40	1.25	36	3.81	1.01	45	4.19	0.85	61	4.21	0.93	62
Lower body bilateral	3.00	1.16	21	3.77	0.94	42	4.36	0.64	67	4.47	0.80	75
Lower body unilateral	2.85	1.06	17	3.57	0.95	34	4.02	0.87	53	4.32	0.86	67
Upper body pushing	2.53	1.06	10	3.34	0.96	26 /	4.09	0.78	54	4.43	0.83	73
Upper body pulling	2.45	1.04	8	3.26	1.05	25	3.98	0.90	51	4.34	0.96	70
Mobility	3.83	1.42	57	4.11	1.05	59	4.36	0.74	67	4.49	0.80	75
Advanced weightlifting	1.09	0.28	0	1.62	0.77	0	2.36	1.09	7	3.36	1.17	32
Balance	4.70	0.72	87	4.70	0.51	84	4.51	0.78	76	4.32	0.93	68
Foundation movements for life	4.62	0.74	81	4.72	0.50	85	4.53	0.72	76	4.28	0.85	64
Gymnastics and other locomotion	4.43	0.74	71	4.23	0.79	62	3.68	0.89	36	3.36	1.03	28
Object control	4.49	0.95	78	4.55	0.65	77	4.34	0.76	66	4.13	0.88	57
Carying	4.21	1.06	65	4.02	1.03	56	3.60	1.23	43	3.43	1.21	34
Tackling and wrestling	2.04	1.20	9	2.66	1.27	19	3.17	1.19	26	3.43	1.25	36
Number of movements important		6			10			11			14	
(majority - 55-74%)		U			IU			11			14	
Number of movements important		4			3			2			0	
(most > 75 %)												_
Total (important)	(	10			13			14			15	

	S&C coaches' perceptions											
	Childhood			Pre PHV			Circa PHV			Post PHV		
	_		% 4 or 5									
Running	4.40	0.89	88	4.44	0.74	85	4.52	0.62	94	4.13	1.18	79
Sprinting	4.00	1.15	73	4.40	0.82	83	4.63	0.64	92	4.77	0.56	98
Change of speed	3.85	1.11	63	4.19	0.89	81	4.46	0.80	90	4.69	0.78	94
Change of direction	4.00	1.03	71	4.33	0.78	81	4.58	0.58	96	4.73	0.57	98
Reactive agility	3.94	1.10	65	4.15	0.92	73	4.40	0.82	79	4.58	0.87	92
Jumping	4.40	0.82	83	4.44	0.65	92	4.46	0.82	88	4.56	0.80	94
Landing	4.56	0.65	92	4.56	0.62	94	4.58	0.54	98	4.25	1.04	85
Hopping & Bounding	3.83	0.97	60	4.13	0.91	69	4.23	0.83	83	4.40	0.87	92
Core bracing	3.35	1.04	42	3.81	0.82	65	4.33	0.72	85	4.27	1.05	85
Lower body bilateral	3.73	1.01	54	4.23	0.81	77	4.44	0.80	85	4.46	0.87	92
Lower body unilateral	3.67	1.00	54	4.21	0.80	77	4.58	0.68	90	4.60	0.79	94
Upper body pushing	3.38	1.06	44	3.77	0.90	56	4.25	0.73	83	4.27	0.98	88
Upper body pulling	3.44	1.09	48	3.85	0.92	60	4.31	0.69	88	4.38	0.94	90
Mobility	3.13	1.18	33	3.75	0.96	60	4.40	0.84	85	4.44	0.87	92
Advanced weightlifting	1.67	0.91	2	2.44	1.13	19	3.19	1.16	42	3.54	1.32	63
Balance	4.33	1.00	85	4.10	0.88	75	4.10	0.88	75	3.33	1.29	54
Foundation movements for life	4.58	0.87	83	4.17	0.91	75	3.67	0.97	52	2.81	1.35	35
Gymnastics and other locomotion	4.56	0.74	90	4.10	0.86	73	3.60	1.01	54	2.71	1.25	33
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Tackling and wrestling	2.85	1.20	29	3.15	1.11	38	3.50	1.15	56	3.52	1.30	67
Number of movements important		5			7			2			3	
(majority - 55-74%)		3			′			2			3	
Number of movements important		7			11			15			14	
(most > 75 %)												_
Total (important)		12			18			17			17	

# **Implications**

Number of movements important (majority - 55-74%)	6	10	11	14
Number of movements important (most > 75 %)	4	3	2	0
Total (important)	10	13	14	15
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(most > 75 %)	4		1.09 44	,
Total (important)	10	13	48	15

IF perceptions translate to practice, PE alone etoach Education may provide required? competence development

