
THE STUDY OF THE DYNAMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF HAND MOVEMENTS OF FEMALE BOXERS WITH DIFFERENT TYPES OF FUNCTIONAL ASYMMETRY

Purpose: determining peculiarities of speed characteristics of hand movements of female boxers with different functional asymmetry types during dynamic work performance. Material: 50 highly skilled female boxers (masters of sports of international class, masters of sports). The study of female boxer psychomotor functions was designed according to a certain scheme. The motor component of motor response was examined by means of tapping test. The time of a simple and two complex visual-motor responses was determined. The study was completed by determining the identification time for visual stimuli of various degrees of complexity without a motor response. It was assumed that this will allow to consider the visual-gnostic component in a “pure” form.

Such a design of the study permitted to evaluate the contribution of each component of psychomotor response to the response speed of female boxers with different types of functional hemispheric asymmetry (FHA) profile. Results: For the first time, the psychophysiological indices of female boxers were obtained. Female boxers were conditionally divided into right-handers, left-handers and ambidexters. The differences of these groups of female athletes in psychophysiological indices were established. Conclusions: In convenient mode, ambidexters perform work at a high rate than right-handers. At that, their right hand is faster than the left. The total number of movements performed by left-handers is greater than that of right-handers and ambidexters (it concerns both hands). The speed characteristics of female boxers with different types of functional asymmetry in accelerated mode are the same. The pace stability of right-handers and left-handers is high, but less than that of ambidexters. Ambidexters who use the right-handed stance are at advantage than right-handers with right-handed stance. Left-handed female athletes perform movements with greater speed than right-handed ones. For right-handed and left-handed female athletes it is more difficult to maintain the optimal pace of the right than the left hand, whereas ambidexters have problems with maintaining the optimal pace of the left hand. Left-handed female athletes are faster than right-handed ones.

Keywords: boxing, psychophysiology, female boxers, functional asymmetry.
Introduction. The increase in the level of achievements in modern sport places high demands on the development of qualities and capacities determining the success of sports activity. The significance of various qualities in specific sports events is different. Specific qualities acquire paramount importance in each sports event [2, 9, 47]. The success of the main competitive exercise depends on the level of development of specific qualities. The leading role belongs to psychophysiological indices: sensorimotor responses, operational thinking, and attention properties [7]. Psychophysiological indices form the tactical abilities of athletes and determine the efficiency of athletic fight in changing bout situations [14, 37].

In boxing, there is every opportunity for successful manifestation of a wide variety of mental and physical qualities. Each athlete has an original combination of psychophysiological properties that are decisive in the formation of an individual manner of fight conducting [13, 24, 38]. The improvement of techno-tactical skills in boxing is due to the use of actions in situations requiring manifestation of motor response, options of readiness to realize intentions. The success of competitive fight conducting is conditioned by a wide complex of individual typological properties of the body of athletes [6, 30, 42]. Efficient execution of most of the combat actions is associated with high levels of motor qualities of boxers. For the diagnosis of sports capacities, it is important to have comprehensive information about the composition of competitive activity operations. One should know the boxer's physical fitness level, take into account her psychomotor system individual peculiarities [29, 31].

Human psychomotor apparatus is a complex functional system consisting of sensory, motor and cognitive-intellectual subsystems for controlling complex motor activity.

Success of engagement in a specific sports event corresponds to a particular type of individual asymmetry profile [23, 35, 43]. This is associated with the natural selection of individuals. Attempts to regulate congenital asymmetries may lead to a delay in the growth of sports performance due to negative transfer of motor skill and irrational use of the time limit [12, 41]. The probability of reorientating apparent right-handed and left-handed people to another lateral dominant is small as compared to ambidexters. This is important in terms of choosing a planning strategy and organizing the training process in various sports events. Changing the functional asymmetry to the opposite under conditions of acute adaptation leads to its increase in the process of long-term adaptation [10, 27, 45]. Increase in the initial asymmetry under conditions of acute adaptation results in physical development symmetry during long-term adaptation.

The study of functional asymmetry types as a factor that determines various aspects of sports activity is promising.

The study of functional asymmetry in boxing is of great importance for identifying prerequisites, which determine the peculiarities of motor development, mental and physical state of boxers. It is also important for individualizing the process of athletes' preparation [4, 20, 34].

The study of functional asymmetry in athletes was conducted in fencing, wrestling and men's boxing. It has not been conducted in female boxers.

Objective - determining peculiarities of speed characteristics of hand movements of female boxers with different functional asymmetry types during dynamic work performance.

Materials and methods. Participants. 50 highly skilled female boxers (masters of sports of international class, masters of sports, candidate masters of sports) served as the subjects. Testing was carried out individually.

Organization of study. The study of female boxer psychomotor functions was designed according to a certain scheme. The motor component of motor response was initially examined by means of tapping test. It was assumed that the lack of visual stimulus in the given test will allow to consider this component in a "pure" form. Then the time of a simple and two complex visual-motor responses was determined. This allowed to assess the response specifics in the "eye-hand" system, depending on visual impact complexity. The study was completed by determining the identification time for visual stimuli of various degrees of complexity without a motor response. It was assumed that this will allow to consider the visual-gnostic component in a "pure" form. Such a design of the study made it possible to assess the contribution of each component of psychomotor response to the response speed of female boxers with different types of functional hemispheric asymmetry (FHA) profile.

Statistical analysis. During experimental data processing, we determined the average values of indices and their errors (X ± m), the degree of difference of averages and the significance of differences (t, p), the dispersion value of variants around the average (σ, CV) as well as the degree of relationship between the studied parameters (r).

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participation in biomedical research were adhered to.

Results. Testing the total number of movements performed by subjects in 2 minutes of work is presented below.

When working in convenient mode, right-handers have no difference in the number of movements performed by the right and left hands (Table 1).

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<td>472±14</td>
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<td>483±13</td>
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Ambidexters perform more right than left hand movements (30 punches more on the average, p<0.05). In general, the number of movements performed by ambidexters is greater that made by right-handers by both hands (ambidexters and right-handers made 472 and 379 right hand movements and 442 and 381 left hand movements, respectively). In convenient mode, ambidexters perform work faster than right-handers, with their right hand faster than their left.

In left-handers, the right hand also performs significantly more movements than the left (483 and 464 movements, respectively). However, this difference is not as pronounced as that of ambidexters. The total number of movements made by left-handers is greater than that of right-handers and ambidexters (both hands).

Work in accelerated mode. Significant difference in the number of movements performed by both hands is observed in both right-handers and ambidexters (Table 2). The former performed on the average 618±24 and 571±22 right and left hand movements, respectively, whereas in the latter these indices constituted 632±23 and 589±28 movements, respectively. This difference is also observed in left-handers, although it does not reach the level of significance - 639±23 and 618±21 movements. Therefore, on the average, the right hand in about two minutes of work at an accelerated pace performs approximately 20-50 punches more than the left, regardless of the lateralization type. Significant differences between the number of the right hand movements performed by right-handers, ambidexters and left-handers are not found. The speed characteristics of female boxers with different types of functional asymmetry are similar in accelerated mode.

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Dynamics of the number of movements made by subjects in every 10 seconds of work.

In the group of right-handers during the first 10 s the number of movements performed with both hands almost coincides. Within 2 minutes of work, this situation is generally maintained: the difference between the number of movements in every 10 s does not exceed 2 punches. However, the instability of the dominant hand pace is greater than that of the non-dominant: the drop in speed to the end is more on the right hand (the difference between the maximum and minimum number of movements constitutes 4 punches).

During the first 10 s the number of the left hand movements in ambidexters slightly exceeds that of the right hand. In the time following, the speed of movements on the left hand decreases (the difference between the maximum and minimum number of movements constitutes 10 punches, p <0.05), whereas on the right - it retains its initial level in the whole.

In left-handers, during the first 10 s the number of movements made with both hands is almost the same. This situation persists for quite a long time. Only towards the end of the work, the pace of both hands decreases.

A comparative analysis of the number of the right hand movements shows the highest speed in left-handers while working in the optimal mode. Moreover, it is significantly higher than that of right-handers by 10 punches (p<0.05). In ambidexters, speed indices are slightly lower than in left-handers only at the initial stage of work. After 40 seconds of work, their indices become the same due to decrease in the speed of work of left-handers. This ratio between all three groups is maintained throughout the entire time of work. The pace stability of right-handers and left-handers is less than that of ambidexters.

As concerns the speed of the left hand of female athletes while working in optimal mode, the picture is more diverse. In right-handers, the left hand works at a lower speed as compared to left-handers and ambidexters. This difference is significant (in right-handers, 32 punches are recorded during the first 10 s, whereas in ambidexters and left-handers 42 and 41, respectively). Throughout the entire time of work, the speed of the left hand in the right-handers practically does not change.

At the initial stage of work, the number of left hand punches in ambidexters and left-handers is almost the same. There is a tendency for a work pace decrease in ambidexters. After 20 s of work, the curves that reflect the hand movement dynamics of ambidexters and left-handers diverge. For some time this divergence is not very large. Due to gradual decrease in speed of left-handers, these curves converge again after one and a half minutes of work. Immediately after that, the speed of work of the ambidexters decreases noticeably. At the end of work, the speed indices of the left hand of the ambidexters become almost the same as those of the right-handers.

Number of movements and their dynamics during maximum pace of work.

No difference is observed in the number of movements performed by the right and left hands of right-handers during the first 10 s. The pace of both hands decreases within 2 min of work. This decrease is especially noticeable during the first 40 s (in the right hand by 7 punches, in the left by 9 punches). After 40 seconds, the pace of both hands stabilizes for a while. 20 seconds before the end of the work it begins to decline again. The total decrease of the pace of the right and the left hands constituted 9 and 13 punches, respectively. If at the beginning of the work there was no difference between the hands, then towards the end the right...
hand began to exceed the left by 5 punches.

No difference in hand speed of ambidexters is noted in the first 10 s. The pace of both hands tends to decrease during the first 20 s of work. Then the right hand begins to accelerate returning to initial level for some time, but gradually decreases again reaching the level of the left hand in one minute. At that time, the pace of the left hand stabilizes for a whole minute. At the end of work, the pace of both hands decreases even more. The total decrease of the pace of the right and the left hands in 2 minutes constituted 6 and 9 punches, respectively.

The pace of both hands of left-handers is quite similar during the first 10 s. Then, that of the right hand begins to decrease reaching its minimum at the 20 s of work. After that, it tends to vary generally remaining at the same level until the very end of the work. The pace of the left hand does not change in the first 20 s. After that, its decline begins, which lasts up to 40 s of work. Then the pace stabilizes for a while. In the end, it drops again. The total decrease of the right and left hand pace constituted 4 and 9 punches, respectively.

A comparative analysis of the work of each hand indicates that, at a convenient pace, the right hand of ambidexters and left-handers works faster than the left, whereas in right-handers both hands work the same. During maximum pace of work, the right hand works faster in right-handers and ambidexters, whereas in left-handers, differences are present, but are not statistically significant. For right-handers and left-handers it is more difficult to maintain the pace of the right hand, whereas ambidexters experience difficulties with keeping the pace of the left hand. All groups better maintain maximum pace of the right hand than the left.

To determine association between the asymmetry of different systems and the speed of hand movements during the tapping test, an analysis of the representation of the asymmetry of the arms, legs, and vision in the groups of female boxers with a fast and slow convenient and maximum pace was made. For this purpose, all subjects were divided into two groups: one group with a higher speed of optimal rate and the other with a lower speed. A comparison of these groups showed the following.

The group of high speed of performing movements at an optimal pace of work included 77.7% of left-handers, 50% of ambidexters and only 25% of right-handed (Table 3). Temporal parameters of the optimal pace speed are associated with manual lateralization: left-handed athletes perform movements at a higher speed than right-handed ones (p<0.05).

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The group with a high speed of optimal pace included half of the right-footed (46.6%), half of the isopods (50.0%) and 75.0% of the left-legged ones (Table 4). However, the small number of left-legged in the study group does not allow the association between the leg asymmetry and the speed of the optimal pace to reach a significant level.

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Visual asymmetry does not affect the speed of work during the tapping test. Temporal parameters of the motor action are significantly associated only with hand lateralization (p<0.05): the left-handed subjects are faster than the right-handed ones.

Discussion. The difference between the total number of movements performed by the subjects in the convenient and maximum modes indicates that this “effect” is more expressed in right-handers than in ambidexters and left-handers. It is however, premature to speak about a greater degree of arbitrary regulation among right-handers on the basis of this fact alone. Such a statement would be justifiable if the initial indices in all groups were the same, and the final ones (the number of movements at the maximum pace) were different. However, we observed quite the opposite picture. It is not unlikely that the accelerated pace that the subjects demonstrate is the maximum possible. We assume that it cannot further increase. The lower value of the "acceleration effect" in ambidexters and left-handers may be due precisely to the fact that they cannot overcome this physiological barrier. This is confirmed by the fact that in ambidexters and left-handers the "acceleration effect" of the right hand is almost the same [11, 21, 33, 40]. In this case, we cannot speak of less arbitrary regulation of movements in ambidexters and left-handers [8, 17].

We suppose that female boxers-ambidexters using the right-handed stance are more advantageous than right-handers who use the same stance. Their dominant hand either exceeds or is equal in speed to the opponent’s hand, but not inferior to it. The same applies to the stability of the pace of its work. For right-handers, the picture is less favorable. They can only be equal to or inferior to the opponent-ambidexter [5, 19, 36].

The right hand of right-handers and left-handers maintains the pace of optimal performance worse than that of ambidexters. The left hand of right-handers and left-handers keeps the pace better than that of ambidexters [16, 28, 46].

Neither right-handers, nor ambidexters, nor left-handers maintain a maximum pace for 2 minutes, in all of them it decreases by the end of the work [26]. Moreover, in all groups, the stability of the right hand pace is higher than that of the left.

Comparison of the right hand work of the subjects reveals that the highest pace decrease occurs in the right hand of the right-handers, whereas the lowest - in left-handers. The highest pace decrease is also observed in right-handers, whereas in ambidexters and left-handers it is the same. Both hands of right-handers maintain the pace of work worst of all. Regardless of the lateralization type, the pace stability of the right hand is higher than that of the left [3, 18, 32].

There are certain differences in the performance of the tapping test between right-handers, left-handers and ambidexters [15, 22]. The difference in speed of movements is determined by the initially selected pace of activity. If the pace is the most
convenient, then in this case the ambidexters and left-handers outstrip the right-handers in speed. If the maximum pace is set, then there are no differences in speed between the groups [1, 25, 44]. Maximum pace is better maintained by the left-handers and the worst of all by the right-handers.

It is impossible to draw firm conclusions based on the data obtained. Presented results bring forth a problem only, but do not solve it. Further diversified and in-depth study of this aspect is required. The findings may be used as a data box for creating complex motor portraits of representatives of various types of functional asymmetry and their using in the choice of a right-handed or left-handed stance.

Conclusions 1. In convenient mode, ambidexters tend to perform the work faster than right-handers. At the same time, their right hand is faster than the left. 2. The total number of movements made by left-handers is greater than that of right-handers and ambidexters (both hands). 3. The speed characteristics of female boxers with different types of functional asymmetry are the same in accelerated mode. 4. The pace stability of right-handers and left-handers is high, but worse than that of ambidexters. 5. Female boxers-ambidexters who use the right-handed stance are more advantageous than right-handers preferring the same stance. 6. Left-handed athletes perform movements with higher speed than right-handed ones. 7. Optimal pace maintenance in right-handers and left-handers is worse on the right hand than on the left. Maintaining the optimal pace in ambidexters is worse on the left hand. 8. Left-handed athletes are faster than right-handed ones. Funding. The author received no financial support for the research, authorship and publication of this article.

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