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# Comparison of anthropometric profile between national level volleyball and football players 

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#### Abstract

Anthropometry is a specialized branch of science dealing measurement of body parts of living organisms. There is a further specialized branch of anthropometry dealing with measurement of human body part when they are involved in movement or locomotion or more clearly speaking the athletes. Stature of a person or his anthropometric profile to a great extent influences his sport performance. Different game or sporting event has a specific demand for stature or anthropometric structure. Considering the importance, the scholar premeditated to conduct a study on "Comparison Of Anthropometric Profile Between National Level Volleyball And Football Players". The purpose of this study was to compare anthropometric profile between national level male volleyball and football players. To achieve the purpose of this study, total 67 (sixth six) National level players ( 33 male volleyball players and 34 football players) were selected as the subject from various clubs, university and associations of west Bengal. Initially descriptive statistics was calculated and further " $t$ "-test was computed for observing the degree of difference between the means. The level of significance was fixed at 0.05 level of confidence. Data analysis revealed that there exists significant difference between the length measurements variables such as Standing Height., Sitting Height, Arm Length R, and Arm Length L i.e. the volleyball players were superior than the footballers with respect to length measurements mentioned above but there was no significant difference with respect to girth measurements.


Keywords: anthropometric, volleyball, football

## Introduction

Anthropometry is a specialized branch of science dealing with measurement of body parts of living organisms. There is a further specialized branch of anthropometry dealing with measurement of human body part when they are involved in movement or locomotion or more clearly speaking the athletes. Stature of a person or his anthropometric profile to a great extent influences his sport performance. Different game or sporting event has a specific demand for stature or anthropometric structure. Still now in India experts in the field of Physical Education and sports science raise their voice against the method or procedure of talent search in sport, they also point out several defects or anomalies in the process of talent search. Anthropometry in true sense play a significant role in the area of sports talent search. On the other hand, anthropometry or kinanthropometry can be used as a valuable tool for assessment or prognosis of sports talent. Different game or sporting event has a specific demand for stature or anthropometric structure. Considering the importance, the scholar premeditated to conduct a study on "Comparison Of Anthropometric Profile Between National Level Volleyball And Football Players".

## Purpose of The Study

Purposes of this study are as follows:
i. To compare the length measurements of national level male volleyball and football players.
ii. To compare the girth measurements of national level male volleyball and football players.

## Methodology <br> The Subject

The total 67 national level male players were selected for this study 33 players from volleyball and 34 players from football were selected from various different club, university and association of west Bengal. Their age range was 18 to 25 years who were actively involved in daily practice for their respective field.

Criterion measures to conduct the present study the following measurements were taken

| Circumference variables | Length measurements variables |
| :---: | :---: |
| Head | Standing Height |
| Neck | Siting Height |
| Forearm | Arm Length (R) |
| Wrist | Arm Length (L) |
| Chest | Leg Length (R) |
| Waist | Leg Length (L) |
| Hip |  |
| Thigh (Gluteal) |  |
| Mid-Thigh |  |
| Calf |  |

For the purpose of data analysis, the employed statistical procedures were-
Mean, SD and " $t$ "-test for observing the difference of mean between the selected groups. The level of significance was set at 0.05 level of confidence.

## Result and Discussion

In this part of the paper the author tried to portray the results derived through data analysis and related discussion based on those.

Table 1: Descriptive Statistics of personal data of volleyball players

| Personal Data | $\mathbf{N}$ | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std. Deviation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age | 33 | 19.00 | 25.00 | 21.58 | $\pm 1.94$ |
| Weight | 33 | 51.90 | 83.90 | 65.65 | $\pm 7.91$ |
| Standing Height | 33 | 149.00 | 196.00 | 177.65 | $\pm 10.01$ |
| Sitting Height | 33 | 128.00 | 143.00 | 136.34 | $\pm 3.93$ |
| Valid N (List Wise) | 33 |  |  |  |  |

From the table 1 it is clear that the mean of the age, weight, standing height and sitting height of the volleyball players were $21.58,65.65,177.65$ and 138.77 and their sd were 1.94 , $7.91,10.01$, and 3.93 respectively.

Table 2: Descriptive Statistics of personal data of football players

| Personal Data |  |  | Minimum | Maximum | Mean |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Atd. Deviation |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age | 34 | 18.00 | 25.00 | 21.15 | $\pm 2.39$ |
| Weight | 34 | 45.00 | 78.00 | 61.84 | $\pm 8.32$ |
| Standing Height | 34 | 156.00 | 190.00 | 170.78 | $\pm 7.10$ |
| Sitting Height | 34 | 122.00 | 141.00 | 132.10 | $\pm 4.08$ |
| Valid N (list wise) | 34 |  |  |  |  |

From the table 2 it is clear that the mean of the age, weight, standing height and sitting height of the football players were $21.15,61.84,170.78$, and 132.10 and their sd were $2.39,8.32$, 7.10 and 4.08 respectively.


Fig 1: Descriptive statistics of personal data of Volleyball and Football Players

From the above column chart it is somehow clear that there is no huge difference between the Volleyball and Football Players with respect to there are height and body weight. Thus
it can be uttered that the subjects are homogenous in nature in relation to their age, height and body weight.

Table 3: Descriptive Statistics of Circumference of volleyball Players

| Circumference | $\mathbf{N}$ | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std. Deviation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Head | 33 | 50 | 56 | 53.12 | $\pm 1.36$ |
| Neck | 33 | 27 | 38 | 34.39 | $\pm 2.09$ |
| Forearm | 33 | 15 | 29 | 24.36 | $\pm 2.46$ |
| Wrist | 33 | 9 | 18 | 15.82 | $\pm 1.42$ |
| Chest | 33 | 72 | 94 | 83.94 | $\pm 5.62$ |
| Waist | 33 | 65 | 89 | 74.58 | $\pm 5.88$ |
| Hip | 33 | 68 | 104 | 85.76 | $\pm 8.05$ |
| Thigh(Gluteal) | 33 | 39 | 64 | 52.39 | $\pm 5.39$ |
| Mid-Thigh | 33 | 33 | 59 | 49.30 | $\pm 4.79$ |
| Calf | 33 | 28 | 41 | 33.33 | $\pm 2.57$ |
| Valid N (list wise) | 33 |  |  |  |  |

From table 3 it is clear that the mean of Circumference variables Head ,Neck ,Forearm, Wrist Chest, Waist Hip, Thigh(Gluteal), Thigh (Mid) and calf of volleyball players were $53.12,34.39,24.3615 .82,83.94,74.58,85.76,52.39$,
49.30 and 33.33 and their $S d$ were $\pm 1.36$, $\pm 2.09, \pm 2.46, \pm 1.42, \pm 5.62, \pm 5.88, \pm 8.05, \pm 5.39, \pm 4.79$ and $\pm 2.57$ respectively.

Table 4: Descriptive Statistics of Circumference of Football Players

| Circumference | $\mathbf{N}$ | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std. Deviation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Head | 34 | 50 | 56 | 53.21 | $\pm 1.67$ |
| Neck | 34 | 30 | 39 | 34.15 | $\pm 2.06$ |
| Forearm | 34 | 20 | 32 | 23.88 | $\pm 2.10$ |
| Wrist | 34 | 14 | 18 | 16.09 | $\pm 0.90$ |
| Chest | 34 | 70 | 91 | 81.53 | $\pm 5.07$ |
| Waist | 34 | 61 | 83 | 72.88 | $\pm 5.45$ |
| Hip | 34 | 77 | 97 | 86.38 | $\pm 5.09$ |
| Thigh(Gluteal) | 34 | 44 | 60 | 52.65 | $\pm 4.39$ |
| Thigh (Mid) | 34 | 42 | 56 | 49.18 | $\pm 3.56$ |
| Calf | 34 | 30 | 38 | 33.35 | $\pm 2.15$ |
| Valid N (list wise) | 34 |  |  |  |  |

From table 4 it is clear that the mean of Circumference variables Head ,Neck ,Forearm, Wrist Chest, Waist Hip, Thigh(Gluteal), Thigh (Mid) and calf of football players were $53.21,34.15,23.38,16.09,81.53,72.88,86.38,52.65$,

4918 and 33.35 and their Sd were $\pm 1.67$, $\pm 2.06, \pm 2.10, \pm 0.90, \pm 5.07, \pm 5.45, \pm 5.09, \pm 4.39, \pm 3.56$ and $\pm 2.15$ respectively.


Fig 2: Graphical representation of circumference measurement of national level male volleyball and football Players.

Table 5: Descriptive Statistics of Length measurements of volleyball Players

| Length measurements | $\mathbf{N}$ | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std. Deviation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Standing Height | 33 | 149 | 196 | 177.61 | $\pm 10.00$ |
| Siting Height | 33 | 128 | 183 | 138.73 | $\pm 11.63$ |
| Arm Length (R) | 33 | 46 | 67 | 60.48 | $\pm 4.69$ |
| Arm Length (L) | 33 | 46 | 68 | 60.45 | $\pm 4.55$ |
| Leg Length (R) | 33 | 75 | 99 | 87.03 | $\pm 5.66$ |
| Leg Length (L) | 33 | 75 | 98 | 87.15 | $\pm 5.75$ |
| Valid N (list wise) | 33 |  |  |  |  |

From table 5 it is clear that the mean of Length measurements Standing Height, Siting Height, Arm Length (R), Arm Length (L), Leg Length (R) and Leg Length ( L ) of volleyball players
were $177.61,138.73,60.48,60.45,87.03$ and 87.15 and their Sd were $\pm 10.00, \pm 11.63, \pm 4.69, \pm 4.55, \pm 5.66$ and $\pm 5.75$ respectively.

Table 6: Descriptive Statistics of Length measurements of Football Players

| Length measurements | $\mathbf{N}$ | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std. Deviation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Standing Height | 34 | 156 | 190 | 170.68 | $\pm 7.06$ |
| Siting Height | 34 | 122 | 141 | 132.12 | $\pm 4.10$ |
| Arm Length (R) | 34 | 55 | 84 | 67.06 | $\pm 9.60$ |
| Arm Length (L) | 34 | 54 | 83 | 66.82 | $\pm 9.58$ |
| Leg Length (R) | 34 | 74 | 108 | 87.56 | $\pm 11.51$ |
| Leg Length (L) | 34 | 75 | 109 | 87.91 | $\pm 11.50$ |
| Valid N (list wise) | 34 |  |  |  |  |

From table 6 it is clear that the mean of Length measurements Standing Height, Siting Height, Arm Length (R), Arm Length (L), Leg Length (R) and Leg Length (L) of football players
were $170.68,132.12,67.06,66.82,87.56$ and 87.91 and their Sd were $\pm 7.06, \pm 4.10, \pm 9.60, \pm 9.60, \pm 11.51$ and $\pm 11.50$ respectively.


Fig 3: Graphical representation of Length measurements of national level male volleyball and football Players

Table 7: Group Statistics on Circumference variables between Volleyball and Football players

| variables | Group | $\mathbf{N}$ | Mean | Std. Deviation | Std. Error Mean |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | volleyball | 33 | 53.07 | 1.35 | 0.24 |
|  | Football | 34 | 53.19 | 1.60 | 0.27 |
| Neck | volleyball | 33 | 34.37 | 2.10 | 0.37 |
|  | Football | 34 | 34.13 | 2.10 | 0.36 |
| Forearm | volleyball | 33 | 24.41 | 2.45 | 0.43 |
|  | Football | 34 | 23.85 | 2.02 | 0.35 |
| Wrist | volleyball | 33 | 15.73 | 1.42 | 0.25 |
|  | Football | 34 | 16.02 | 0.94 | 0.16 |
| Chest | volleyball | 33 | 83.91 | 5.63 | 0.98 |
|  | Football | 34 | 81.57 | 5.08 | 0.87 |
| Waist | volleyball | 33 | 74.57 | 5.90 | 1.03 |
|  | Football | 34 | 72.89 | 5.44 | 0.93 |
| Hip | volleyball | 33 | 85.73 | 8.06 | 1.40 |
|  | Football | 34 | 86.41 | 5.11 | 0.88 |
| Thigh(Gluteal) | volleyball | 33 | 52.41 | 5.39 | 0.94 |
|  | Football | 34 | 52.67 | 4.41 | 0.76 |
| Thigh (Mid) | volleyball | 33 | 49.32 | 4.76 | 0.83 |
|  | Football | 34 | 49.16 | 3.54 | 0.61 |
| Calf | volleyball | 33 | 33.35 | 2.60 | 0.45 |
|  | Football | 34 | 33.35 | 2.18 | 0.37 |

From group statistics between volleyball and football players presented in table 7 it is clear that there were few differences between the means with respect to the circumference
variables. With a view to assess the degree of difference between the means independent samples test was computed.

Table 8: Independent samples statistics on Circumference between Volleyball and Football players

|  |  | Levene's Test for Equality of Variances |  |  | t-test for Equality of Means |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\mathbf{F}$ | Sig. | $\mathbf{t}$ | $\mathbf{D f}$ | Sig.(2-tailed) |
|  | Equal variances assumed | 1.948 | .168 | -.343 | 65 | .732 |
|  | Equal variances not assumed |  |  | -.344 | 63.812 | .732 |
| Neck | Equal variances assumed | .168 | .683 | .456 | 65 | .650 |
|  | Equal variances not assumed |  |  | .456 | 64.941 | .650 |
| Forearm | Equal variances assumed | .177 | .675 | 1.021 | 65 | .311 |
|  | Equal variances not assumed |  |  | 1.018 | 61.972 | .313 |
| Wrist | Equal variances assumed | .066 | .798 | -.969 | 65 | .336 |
|  | Equal variances not assumed |  |  | -.963 | 55.367 | .340 |
| Chest | Equal variances assumed | .205 | .652 | 1.786 | 65 | .079 |
|  | Equal variances not assumed |  |  | 1.783 | 63.902 | .079 |
| Waist | Equal variances assumed | .136 | .713 | 1.213 | 65 | .229 |
|  | Equal variances not assumed |  |  | 1.212 | 64.214 | .230 |
| Hip | Equal variances assumed | 3.240 | .077 | -.413 | 65 | .681 |
|  | Equal variances not assumed |  |  | -.410 | 53.875 | .683 |
| Thigh(gluteal) | Equal variances assumed | .343 | .560 | -.215 | 65 | .830 |
|  | Equal variances not assumed |  |  | -.214 | 61.809 | .831 |
| Thigh (mid) | Equal variances assumed | 1.229 | .272 | .147 | 65 | .883 |
|  | Equal variances not assumed |  |  | .147 | 59.079 | .884 |
| Calf | Equal variances assumed | .470 | .495 | -.008 | 65 | .994 |
|  | Equal variances not assumed |  |  | -.008 | 62.470 | .994 |

From group statistics data presented in table 7 and independent samples t-test result presented in table no 8 it is evident that there was no significant difference on

Circumference variables between volleyball and football players.

Table 9: Group Statistics on Length measurements between Volleyball and Football players

| Variables | Group | $\mathbf{N}$ | Mean | Std. Deviation | Std. Error Mean |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Standing Height | volleyball | 33.00 | 177.65 | 10.01 | 1.74 |
|  | Football | 34.00 | 170.78 | 7.10 | 1.22 |
| Sitting Height | volleyball | 33.00 | 138.77 | 11.68 | 2.03 |
|  | Football | 34.00 | 132.10 | 4.08 | 0.70 |
| Arm Length R | volleyball | 33.00 | 60.56 | 4.62 | 0.81 |
|  | Football | 34.00 | 67.04 | 9.62 | 1.65 |
| Arm Length L | volleyball | 33.00 | 60.52 | 4.55 | 0.79 |
|  | Football | 34.00 | 66.85 | 9.56 | 1.64 |
| Leg Length R | volleyball | 33.00 | 87.03 | 5.66 | 0.98 |
|  | Football | 34.00 | 87.53 | 11.52 | 1.98 |


| Leg Length L | volleyball | 33.00 | 87.16 | 5.74 | 1.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Football | 34.00 | 87.92 | 11.49 | 1.97 |

From group statistics between volleyball and football players presented in table 9 it is clear that there were exist difference between the means with respect to the Length measurements variables Standing Height., Sitting Height ,Arm Length (R),

Arm Length (L) .With a view to assess the degree of difference between the means independent samples test was computed.

Table 10: Independent samples statistics on Length measurements of volleyball and football Players

|  |  | Levene's Test for Equality of Variances |  | t-test for Equality of Means |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\mathbf{F}$ | Sig. | $\mathbf{t}$ | $\mathbf{d f}$ | Sig.(2-tailed) |
|  | Equal variances assumed | 2.314 | .133 | 3.248 | 65 | .002 |
|  | Equal variances not assumed |  |  | 3.232 | 57.566 | .002 |
| Sitting Height | Equal variances assumed | 3.039 | .086 | 3.136 | 65 | .003 |
|  | Equal variances not assumed |  |  | 3.099 | 39.478 | .004 |
| Arm Length R | Equal variances assumed | 29.765 | .000 | -3.501 | 65 | .001 |
|  | Equal variances not assumed |  |  | -3.534 | 47.794 | .001 |
| Arm Length L | Equal variances assumed | 30.751 | .000 | -3.442 | 65 | .001 |
|  | Equal variances not assumed |  |  | -3.475 | 47.534 | .001 |
| Leg Length R | Equal variances assumed | 26.910 |  | -.224 | 65 | .823 |
|  | Equal variances not assumed |  | -.226 | 48.355 | .822 |  |
| Leg Length L | Equal variances assumed | 26.803 |  | -.338 | 65 | .736 |
|  | Equal variances not assumed |  |  | -.341 | 48.825 | .734 |

From group statistics data presented in table 9 and independent samples $t$-test result presented in table no 10 it is evident that the volleyball players were better than the football players on the variables Standing Height., Sitting Height, Arm Length (R), Arm Length (L) but there does not exist any significant difference between the Leg Length ( R ) and Leg Length (L) Variable.

## Conclusion

As an important indicator for sports performance especially concerned to games like football and volleyball the length and girth measurements of national level players were accumulated and compared. From analysis it is clear that there does not appear any significant difference on girth measurements between the footballers and volleyball players but with respect to length measurements there are significant difference between the groups. More clearly speaking volleyball players were significantly better than the football players on the variables Standing Height., Sitting Height, Arm Length (R), and Arm Length (L).

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