

## COMBINED EFFECT OF ISOMETRIC STRETCHING EXERCISE AND YOASANA PRACTICES ON CALF CIRCUMFERENCE AMONG ELITE COLLEGE LEVEL SPORTSPERSON

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### Abstract

The present study aimed to investigate the effects of yoasana practices on calf circumference among elite college athletes by combining them with isometric stretching activities. This study aimed to recruit 30 male collegiate athletes from affiliated institutions at Bharathidasan University in Tamil Nadu, India, and complete it by 2020. People between the ages of 18 and 25 make up the sample. Athletes were randomly assigned to either an experimental group or a control group. There were fifteen athletes in each group. The control group conducted isometric stretching and yoasana for six weeks straight. The control group was not instructed in any way throughout the investigation. Calf circumference was the criterion variable used by the researchers in this investigation. As part of the testing method, the patients' calf circumference was measured using a steel tap. At the start and finish of the six-week training sessions, respectively, the pre- and post-training evaluations were given. Statistically, the 't' ratio was used to examine the means of the pre- and post-test data for both the experimental and control groups. According to the results, a notable disparity existed on the criterion variable. Thanks to the synergistic benefits of yoasana and isometric stretching, the experimental group outperformed the control group in terms of calf circumference. The "t" ratio, calves' circumference, yoasana, and combined isometric stretching are among

the terminology used to characterise this kind of exercise.

### INTRODUCTION

Yoga has the potential to help people of all ages. Philosophers find Yoga to be an enchanting discipline because it helps one to rest their mind, which in turn brings them to full knowledge of the intrinsic essence of the Supreme Being. Since PE boosts efficiency and performance on the pitch, it is the single most significant component when considering sports. A few of the physical benefits that may be attained via asana practices include strengthening the muscles and increasing the physical demands of the event or activity. Isometric stretching, which does not involve movement but rather the tensioning of stretched muscles, offers resistance. Isometric stretching is a far more effective way to quickly increase static or passive flexibility than either active stretching or passive stretching on its own. You should only practice one set of isometric stretches each day due to the strain it puts on your muscles, tendons, and joints.

### RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

#### Selection of subjects

The research set intended to measure the impact of yoasana practices and isometric stretching on calf circumference in collegiate athletes at the highest level. In order to accomplish this goal of the research, collegiate athletes were chosen at random to participate.

People ranging in age from 18 to 25 made up the sample.

### Selection of variable

#### Independent variable

- Isometric stretching exercise and yoasana practices

#### Dependent variable

- Calf circumference

### EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

The selected subjects were divided into two equal groups of fifteen subjects each, such as a combined isometric stretching exercise and yoasana practices group (Experimental Group) and control group. The experimental group underwent combined isometric stretching exercise and yoasana practices for five days per week for six weeks. Control group, which they did not undergo any special training programme apart from their regular physical activities as per their curriculum. The

following anthropometric variable namely calf circumference was selected as criterion variable. All the subjects of two groups were tested on selected criterion variable Calf circumference was measured through steel tap at prior to and immediately after the training programme.

### Statistical technique

The 't' test was used to analysis the significant differences, if any, difference between the groups respectively.

### Level of significance

The 0.05 level of confidence was fixed to test the level of significance which was considered asan appropriate.

### ANALYSIS OF THE DATA

The significance of the difference among the means of the experimental group was found out by pre-test. The data were analysed and dependent 't' test was used with 0.05 levels as confidence.

**TABLE I**  
**Analysis of t-ratio for the pre and post tests of experimental and control group on Calf circumference**  
(Scores in centimeters)

Variables	Group	Standard Deviation		Sd Error	
		Pre	Post	Pre	Post
Calf circumference	Control Group	0.727	0.750	0.187	0.193
	Experimental Group	0.740	0.739	0.191	0.190

**TABLE II**

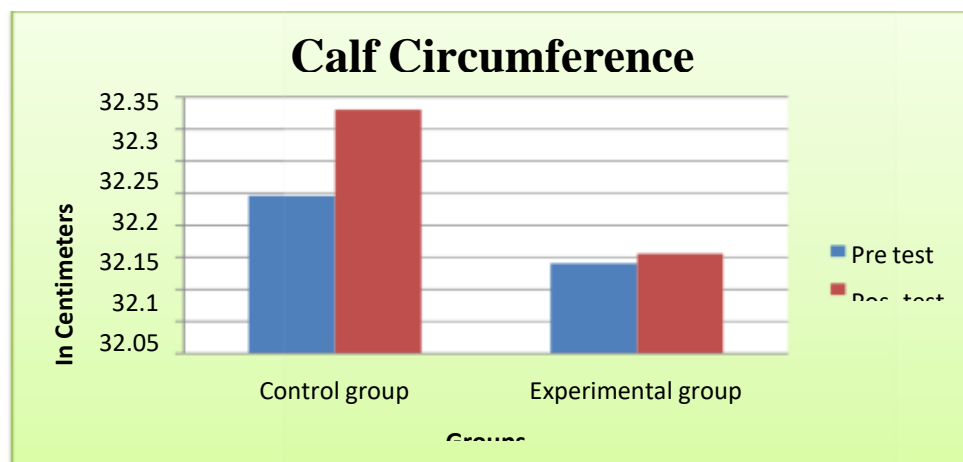
Variables	Group	Mean		Degree of freedom	't' ratio
		Pre	Post		
Calf circumference	Control Group	32.20	32.33	14	1.48
	Experimental Group	32.09	32.10	14	<b>7.99*</b>

*\*Significance at .05 level of confidence.*

The Table-I and II shows that the mean values of pre-test and post-test of the control group on calf circumference were 32.20 and 32.33 respectively. The obtained 't' ratio was 1.48, since the obtained 't' ratio was less than the required table value of 2.14 for the significant at 0.05 level with 14 degrees of freedom it was found to be statistically insignificant. The mean values of pre-test and post-test of the experimental group on calf circumference were 32.09 and 32.10 respectively. The obtained 't' ratio was 7.99\*

since the obtained 't' ratio was greater than the required table value of 2.14 for significance at level with 14 degrees of freedom it was found to be statistically significant. The result of the study showed that there was a significant difference between control group and experimental group in calf circumference. It may be concluded from the result of the study that experimental group improved in calf circumference due to six weeks of combined isometric stretching exercise and yoasana practices.

**Figure-1**  
**Bar Diagram Showing the Pre and Post Mean Values of Experimental and Control Group on Calf circumference**



## DISCUSSIONS ON FINDINGS

The result of the study indicates that the experimental group, namely combined isometric stretching exercise and yoasana improvement caused by combined isometric stretching exercise and yoasana compared to the control group.

## CONCLUSION

We conclude the following based on the data we collected: routines while

1. Following the training period, there was a notable difference in calf circumference between the experimental and control groups.

Calf circumference showed a significant improvement. Nevertheless, after six weeks of combining yoasana with isometric stretching exercises, the experimental group showed more progress.

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