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Curricular Unit	Neuromuscular Function
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Learning Outcomes	<p>Identify and understand the neuromuscular factors that influence strength, power and flexibility and describe their acute and chronic adaptations to training.</p> <p>Understand the contribution of electromyography for the study of neuromuscular function and know the main processes of signal recording and processing.</p> <p>Based on kinematic and EMG data, describe the sequence of neuromuscular coordination patterns during fundamental sport skills (e.g. throwing, kicking, running, jumping).</p> <p>Know the basis of isokinetic evaluation and its utility and limitations in neuromuscular assessment of athletes.</p> <p>Know the muscular and neural sources for muscular fatigue and their relationships with different types of neuromuscular solicitation.</p>
Syllabus	<p>1 - Characteristics of skeletal muscle: mechanical model of skeletal muscle; force/length relation; force/velocity relation.</p> <p>2 - Electromyography: physiological basis, methods and studies on sport.</p> <p>3 - Organization and control of human movement: inter and intramuscular coordination mechanisms; reflex mechanisms of control; brain mechanisms of control.</p> <p>4 - Analysis of muscular patterns in sport movements.</p> <p>5 - Neuromuscular fatigue.</p> <p>6 - Neuromuscular changes with training: increase in muscle mass; muscular remodeling; neural changes.</p>
Evaluation	<p>Oral and power point presentations about the different topics followed by discussion.</p> <p>Selected readings are suggested for each topic.</p> <p>Presentation and critical discussion about some selected papers in each topic are done with special emphasis on Methodology and Results points.</p> <p>Practical EMG recording and fundamental steps of EMG processing.</p> <p>Evaluation through a written test composed by two parts: 1) American test, 2) open questions.</p>

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