



## ANTHROPOMETRIC AND PHYSICAL PROFILES OF THE STATE AND OUTSIDE STATE SOCCER PLAYERS OF MANIPUR

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### Abstract

The objective of the study was to investigate the significant profiles of state and outside state football players originated from the Manipur state. Various parameters like skill, physical, anthropometric, physiological, psychological, social and environments influence Soccer performance. Thirty (N=30) football players, fifteen (15) each from the state and outside state had been randomly selected. The data were collected on anthropometric parameters- age, height, weight, body fat % (skinfold), body fat % (BIA), shoulder width; circumferences- chest, waist, thigh (left), thigh (right), calf (left), calf (right), and physical parameters were handgrip (left), handgrip (right), leg-lift, sit and reach. The means and standard deviations of anthropometric and physical measurements for both state and outside state football players were observed by employing the descriptive analysis. The independent 't' test was employed to find out the significant difference between state and outside state football players on anthropometric and physical measurements. Among the anthropometric measurements BMI, waist, thigh (left), thigh (right), calf (left) and calf (right) were found significant difference as the respective calculated values 2.14, -4.65, 2.37, -2.65, -5.26 and -5.78 greater than table value of  $t'=2.048$  at .05 level of significance. Further, among the

physical measurements there were also significance difference on leg-lift and sit & reach performance as the calculated values -3.25 and 4.42 respectively greater than table value of  $t'=2.048$  at .05 level of significance. By the means (M), mean differences (MD) and t-test, it was acknowledged that outside state players had better anthropometric and physical performance than the state players did. Those players who had the better anthropometric and physical parameters might get the advantages to recruit to the outside states' big clubs, ISL, and others. It was also recommended that similar study might be conducted on different performance limited parameters.

**Keywords:** Physical, Physiological, Body composition, and Somato types.

### Introduction

In the modern world, soccer is the most popular and truly a dominant game in every countryside. In the developed countries, it is taken as a part of life. There are different levels of soccer leagues in different countries. The BPL in England, the La Liga in Spain, the Bundesliga in Germany, the Serie A in Italy, League 1 in France etc. are some of the most famous soccer leagues around the world. Football, this is the biggest



and most dominant game in Manipur also. Large numbers of players are playing in big clubs and the national team of the country, India. A particular body size may encourage acquisition of certain skills and force gravitation towards a specific playing position. This is likely to occur before maturity so that the individual will tend to favor one positional role before playing at senior level. Under-age soccer also organized according to chronological rather than biological age (Reilly, 2002). Body size, shape, physique and stature contribute big role to limit the soccer performance. Body composition is an important aspect of soccer fitness concern to the quality of locomotor actions. Therefore, anthropometric measurement and somato typing are indispensable to predict and guide the performance suitably. The isotonic, isometric and combination types of contractility strength imply the power, speed and precision of kicking.

#### Objective of the Study

The objective of the study was to investigate the anthropometric and physical profiles of state and outside state football players originated from the Manipur state.

#### Methodology

##### Selection of subjects:

To investigate the anthropometric and physical profiles of soccer players, thirty (N=30) male soccer players, fifteen (N=15) each from state and outside state were selected randomly according to their availability in the state for national team preparation. The minimum level of the subjects was state league participation representing from A- division clubs.

##### Data collection

The data were collected from each fifteen (N=15) players of state and outside state on anthropometric variables- age, height, weight, BMI, body fat % (skinfold), body fat (BIA), shoulder width, circumference- chest, waist, thigh (left), thigh (right), calf (left) and calf (right); and physical variables- strength of hand grip (left and right) and leg-lift, and flexibility by sit & reach test. For the collection of anthropometric data, weighing machine, measuring tape, skinfold caliper, anthropometric compass, sliding caliper, handgrip dynamometer, leg-lift dynamometer and flexometer were used.

#### Data Analysis

Firstly, descriptive analysis was employed to find out the means and standard deviations of the state and outside state football players groups. The t- test statistical technique was applied to find out the significant difference between the groups and the level of significance was set at 0.05.

#### Results

The means and standard deviation of the anthropometric measurements of the state and outside state football players are given in table 1(a) and 1(b).

TABLE-1A  
MEANS AND STANDARD DEVIATIONS OF ANTHROPOMETRIC MEASUREMENTS OF STATE FOOTBALL PLAYERS OF MANIPUR (N=15)

Variables	Min	Max	Mean	SD
Age	18	25	22.00	2.23
Height (cm)	163	186	174.17	8.07
Weight (kg)	60.5	86.4	73.32	7.71
BMI	16.54	25.12	21.52	2.12
Body Fat % (Skinfold)	9.23	16.5	12.10	2.20
Body Fat % (BIA)	8.40	20.12	14.47	3.67
Shoulder width (cm)	32	37	34.50	1.40
Circumference:				
Chest (cm)	84	102	92.35	5.40
Waist (cm)	72	92	80.25	6.25
Thigh L (cm)	46	61	53.15	3.35
Thigh R (cm)	48	62	54.26	3.54
Calf L (cm)	36	42	37.31	1.25
Calf R (cm)	37	43	39.30	2.04



TABLE-1B  
MEANS AND STANDARD DEVIATIONS OF  
ANTHROPOMETRIC MEASUREMENTS OF  
OUTSIDE STATE FOOTBALL PLAYER OF MANIPUR  
(N=15)

Variables	Min	Max	Mean	SD
Age	18	27	23.00	2.46
Height (cm)	166	185	175.00	7.00
Weight (kg)	64.5	85	73.18	6.15
BMI	16.50	24.45	19.00	2.91
Body Fat % (Skinfold)	9.20	15.86	12.45	2.44
Body Fat % (BIA)	8.25	20.00	13.47	4.07
Shoulder width(cm)	32.00	38.00	35.27	1.74
Circumference:				
Chest (cm)	84	103	94.09	6.67
Waist (cm)	74	93	84.73	6.36
Thigh L (cm)	45	64	55.38	5.55
Thigh R (cm)	46	65	56.64	6.52
Calf L (cm)	38	46	42.18	2.82
Calf R (cm)	38	48	44.54	3.33

By the application of t-test, the significant difference between the state and outside state players on the anthropometric measurements has shown in the table 2.

TABLE 2  
INDEPENDENT T-TEST OF SELECTED ANTHROPOMETRIC  
MEASUREMENT OF THE STATE AND OUTSIDE  
STATE FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Variables	Groups	M	SD	N	MD	t
Age	State	22	2.23	15	1.00	1.28
	Outside State	23	2.46	15		
Height(cm)	State	174.17	8.07	15	0.83	1.15
	Outside State	175.00	7.00	15		
Weight (kg)	State	73.32	7.71	15	0.14	0.86
	Outside State	73.18	6.15	15		
BMI	State	21.52	2.12	15	2.52	2.14*
	Outside State	19.00	2.91	15		
Body Fat % (Skinfold)	State	12.10	2.20	15	0.35	0.94
	Outside State	12.45	2.44	15		
Body Fat % (BIA)	State	14.47	3.67	15	1.00	1.28
	Outside State	13.47	4.07	15		
Shoulder width (cm)	State	34.50	1.40	15	0.82	1.10
	Outside State	35.27	1.74	15		
Chest (cm)	State	92.35	5.40	15	1.74	1.84
	Outside State	94.09	6.67	15		

Waist(cm)	State	80.25	6.25	15	4.48	4.65*
	Outside State	84.73	6.63	15		
Thigh-L(cm)	State	53.15	3.35	15	2.23	2.37*
	Outside State	55.38	5.55	15		
Thigh-R(cm)	State	54.26	3.54	15	2.38	2.65*
	Outside State	56.64	6.52	15		
Calf-L(cm)	State	37.31	1.25	15	4.87	5.26*
	Outside State	42.18	2.82	15		
Calf-R(cm)	State	39.30	2.04	15	5.24	5.78*
	Outside State	44.54	3.33	15		

\*Significant at 0.05 ( $t_{0.05(28)}=2.048$ )

Table 2 reveals that there were significant difference between in BMI, waist, thigh (left), thigh (right), calf (left) and calf (right) as the respective calculated values were 2.14, - 4.65, 2.37, 2.65, 5.26 and 5.78 were greater than table value of  $t=2.048$  at 0.05 level of significance of the state and outside state football players. Further, table 2 presents that there were no significant difference in terms of age, height, weight, body fat (skinfold), body fat (BIA), chest and shoulder width as the calculated values i.e. 1.25, 1.18, 0.86, 0.94, 1.28, 1.10, and 1.84 respectively less than the table value of  $t=2.048$  at 0.05 level of significance of the state and outside state football players.

TABLE-3A  
MEANS AND STANDARD DEVIATIONS OF  
PHYSICAL MEASUREMENT OF  
STATE FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Variables	Min	Max	Mean	SD
Handgrip- L (kg)	42.00	55.00	48.85	4.38
Handgrip- R (kg)	42.00	56.00	49.60	4.27
Leg-lift (kg)	115.00	130.00	122.53	5.32
Sit and Reach (cm)	24.00	40.00	37.10	4.55



TABLE-3B  
MEANS AND STANDARD DEVIATIONS OF PHYSICAL  
MEASUREMENT OF OUTSIDE STATE  
FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Variables	Min	Max	Mean	SD
Handgrip- L (kg)	44.00	56.00	49.87	3.64
Handgrip- R (kg)	44.00	57.00	50.33	4.12
Leg-lift (kg)	118.00	135.00	125.33	5.22
Sit and Reach (cm)	26.00	40.00	33.67	4.92

By the application of t-test, the significant difference between the state and outside state players on the selected physical measurements has shown in the table 4.

TABLE 4  
INDEPENDENT T-TEST OF SELECTED PHYSICAL  
MEASUREMENT OF THE  
STATE AND OUTSIDE STATE FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Variables	Groups	M	SD	MD	t
Handgrip-left(kg)	State	48.85	4.38	1.02	1.86
	Outside State	49.87	3.64		
Handgrip-right (kg)	State	49.60	4.27	0.73	1.01
	Outside State	50.33	4.12		
Leg-lift (kg)	State	122.53	5.32	2.80	3.25*
	Outside State	125.33	5.22		
Sit & Reach(cm)	State	37.10	4.55	3.43	4.42*
	Outside State	33.67	4.92		

\*Significant at 0.05 to 0.05(28)=2.048

Table 4 reveals that there were significance difference on leg-lift and sit & reach performance as the calculated values -3.25 and 4.42 respectively were greater than table value of  $t=2.048$  at 0.05 level of significance. Further, table 4 presents that there were no significant differences in terms of handgrip-left (kg) and handgrip-right (kg) as the calculated values, i.e. -1.86 and -1.01 respectively less than the table value of  $t = 2.048$  at 0.05 level of significance.

### Discussion

The objective of the study was to investigate the selected anthropometric and physical profiles of state and outside state football players originated from the Manipur state.

The results had shown that the anthropometric profiles of state football players were expressed by the calculated means(M) and standard deviation(SD) on the selected variables- age ( $22.00 \pm 2.23$ ), height ( $174.17 \pm 8.07$ ), weight ( $73.32 \pm 7.71$ ), BMI ( $21.52 \pm 2.12$ ), body fat % (skinfold) ( $12.10 \pm 2.20$ ), body fat % (BIA) ( $14.47 \pm 3.67$ ), shoulder width ( $34.50 \pm 1.40$ ), circumferences- chest ( $92.35 \pm 5.40$ ), waist ( $80.25 \pm 6.25$ ), thigh (left) ( $53.15 \pm 3.35$ ), thigh (right) ( $54.26 \pm 3.54$ ), calf (left) ( $37.31 \pm 1.25$ ), calf (right) ( $39.30 \pm 2.04$ ). Then, the anthropometric profiles of outside state football players were expressed by the calculated means(M) and standard deviation(SD) on the selected variables- age ( $23.00 \pm 2.46$ ), height ( $175.00 \pm 7.00$ ), weight ( $73.18 \pm 6.15$ ), BMI ( $19.00 \pm 2.91$ ), body fat % (skinfold) ( $12.45 \pm 2.44$ ), body fat % (BIA) ( $13.47 \pm 4.07$ ), shoulder width ( $35.27 \pm 1.74$ ), circumferences- chest ( $94.09 \pm 6.67$ ), waist ( $84.73 \pm 6.36$ ), thigh (left) ( $55.38 \pm 5.55$ ), thigh (right) ( $56.64 \pm 6.52$ ), calf (left) ( $42.18 \pm 2.82$ ), calf (right) ( $44.54 \pm 3.33$ ). Further, the results had shown that the physical profiles (handgrip strength, leg-lift strength, and body flexibility) of state football players were expressed by the calculated means(M) and standard deviations (SD) on the selected variables- handgrip (left) ( $48.85 \pm 4.38$ ), handgrip (right) ( $49.60 \pm 4.27$ ), leg-lift ( $122.53 \pm 5.32$ ), and sit & reach ( $37.10 \pm 4.55$ ). Then, the results had shown that the physical profiles (handgrip strength, leg-lift strength, and body flexibility) of outside state football players were expressed by the calculated means(M) and standard deviation(SD) on the selected variables- handgrip (left) ( $49.87 \pm 3.64$ ), handgrip (right) ( $50.33 \pm 4.12$ ), leg-lift ( $125.33 \pm 5.22$ ), and sit



& reach ( $33.67 \pm 4.92$ ). By employing the independent t- test there were significant difference between state and outside state football players among the anthropometric variables- BMI, waist, thigh (left), thigh (right), calf (left) and calf (right) as the respective calculated values were 2.14, 4.65, 2.37, 2.65, 5.26 and 5.78 greater than table value of  $t=2.048$  at .05 level of significance. Further, there were also significant difference on leg-lift and sit & reach performance as the calculated values were 3.25 and 4.42 respectively greater than table value of  $t=2.048$  at .05 level of significance.

### Conclusion

Based on research outcome, we know that the means (M), mean differences (MD) and t-test statistical analysis generally reveal the significant differences among the selected anthropometric and physical variables between the state and outside state football players of Manipur. Overall observation of the study, it is acknowledged that outside state players had better anthropometric and physical performance than the state players did. Being the outside state players had better selected anthropometric and physical outputs, they might get the advantages to be recruited by the outside big clubs, ISL, and others. It is recommended that similar study might be conducted on different performance limited parameters.

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