

IF YOUR PLAYERS DONT LEARN
THE WAY YOU TEACH

THEN TEACH THEM THE WAY THEY LEARN

COACH SMARTER,
COACH EASIER
COACH BETTER

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MODULE 1

MOTOR LEARNING

COURSE CONTENT TENNIS NATURAL MOTOR MOTION + COGNITIVES PREFERENCES

1 MODULE - MOTOR LEARNING PREFERENCES

2 MODULE - BALANCE

3 MODULE- VISION –EYE PREFERENCES

4 MODULE – UPPER BODY ROTATION + STABILITY PREFERENCES

5 MODULE – TECHNIQUE + TACTIC PREFERENCES

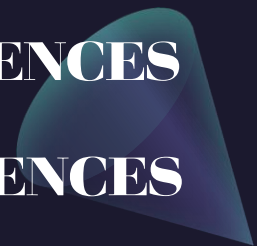
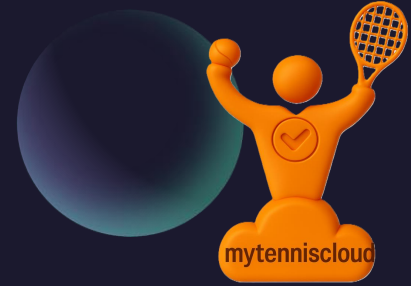
6 MODULE - PHYSICAL TRAINING PREFERENCES

7 MODULE – SERVE + RETURN PREFERENCES

8 MODULE-COACHING GUIDE PREFERENCES

9 MODULE-MINDSET+ MOTIVATION PREFERENCES

10 MODULE – PROFILING + HANDOUTS PREFERENCES



UNDERSTANDING NATURAL MOTOR MOTIONS AND COGNITIVES PREFERENCES

emphasize the physical capacities and natural qualities of an athlete (called motor profile) and to limit training that is far from the athlete's spontaneous qualities (called opposite motor profile or shadow zone) in order to limit the risks of regressing by inhibiting the athlete's natural qualities, which would result in a loss of self-confidence and an increased risk of injury.

- **Motor preferences encompass the unique characteristics that affect how players execute movements in tennis, influencing their performance.**
- **A preference is something that anagrammed in me that I know to do naturally Cross arms, fingers ,legs and they come from the Nervous System and how it face the Gravity it's what why the Balance is very important :**





We can start by observing the player as they are how they are moving naturally (ecologic mode) and find their natural skills and motricity;

From there let's coach then using EBP evidence base practice

- 1/3 OF SCIENCE (biomechanics/ kinetic chain data)
- 1/3 OF STAFF EXPERIENCE (coach, fitness trainer, mental coach, parents)
- 1/3 OF PLAYER FEEDBACK (emotion, performance...)

Using the approach players will move efficiency, not only efficacy

Difference between these two words is HUGE





The power of individualisation coaching

NATURAL MOTORS MOTIONS
PREFERENCES ARE ACCELERATOR OF
MOTOR LEARNING



1. Economy: managing body energy to last longer
2. Eficacy mean to control space ,direction of shots ,timing, control opponent
3. Efficiency mean great power and stability ,push your opponent back ,low risk of injuries



NEUROPLASTICITY

The Ability of the Brain to Reorganize Itself,
Both in Structure and How It Functions

HOW THE BRAIN CHANGES



NEUROGENESIS

Continuous generation
of new neurons in



NEW SYNAPSES

New skills and
experiences
create new neural



STRENGTHENED SYNAPSES

Repetition and
practice strengthens



WEAKENED SYNAPSES

Connections in the
brain that aren't used

3 pillars

- **REGULARITY**
- **INTENSITY**
- **PROGRESS**

• EVERYDAY THE BRAIN PRODUCE 700 NEW NEURONS IN THE HIPPOCAMPUS(MEMORY AND LEARNING)

• IT TAKE AROUND 66 DAYS TO AUTOMTATE A NEW BEHAVIOR OF EVERYDAY REPETITION+ SELF PRACTICE



REGULARITY / CONSISTENCY

THE BRAIN LIKE REGULARITY

NOW IS IT BETTER TO TRAIN 2 TIME A WEEK 2 HOURS PER SESSIONS ?

OR

IS IT BETTER TO TRAIN ONLY 30 MNS EVERYDAYS FOR 6 DAYS ?

THE REGULARITY IS BETTER + SELF PRACTICE





MONITORING PROGRESS

The power of measure

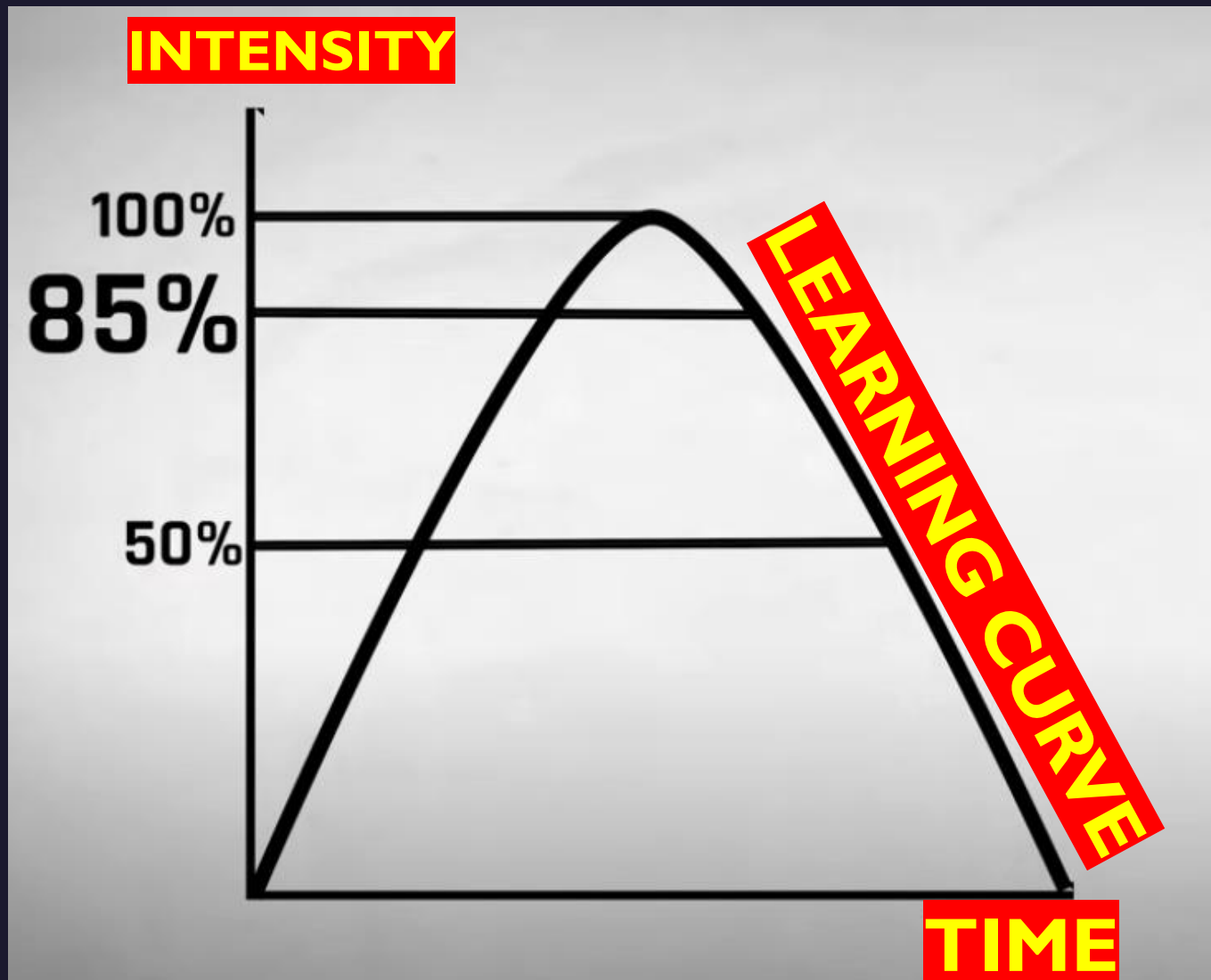
FEELING OF PROGRESS IS A VERY STRONG FACTOR

- More powerful than money
- More powerful the recognition
- More addictive than success

You can choose 5 criteria to measure your progress every week

- Reaction speed
- Footwork precision
- Shots precision
- Mental routine
- Mental calm







DRILL LEARNING PROCESS

TOO HARD / PANIC

ZONE IMAGINATION / DREAM TO DO

STRECHT ZONE

85 % OPTIMAL ZONE OF LEARNING = DOPAMINE RELEASE

ADD 4% OF WORK LOAD PER WEEK

8.5 TO 10

5 TO 7

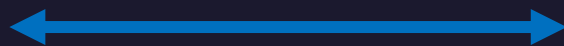
LEARNING ZONE

WHAT I THINK I CAN DO

0 TO 5

TOO EASY / CONFORT ZONE

WHAT I KNOW TO DO





DO YOU REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT
THE PLAYER IN FRONT OF YOU ?

HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR PLAYERS TO
IMPROVE QUICKLY AND IN AN EASIER
WAY ?





THE 3 WORDS TRADITIONAL COACHING PROCESS

- 1 HOW
- 2 WHY
- 3 WHAT

***1 HOW TO HIT THE BALL THIS WAY!
YOU NEED TO DO THIS OR WHAT***

Coach say



Coach say

***2 WHY TO THINK TO HIT THE BALL THIS WAY!
YOU THINK AND FOCUS THIS OR THAT***



Coach say

***3 WHAT YOU DO TO HIT THE BALL THIS WAY!
YOU DO THIS RIGHT OR WRONG***



THE 3 WORDS NEW COACHING APPROACH

- 1 WHAT
- 2 WHY
- 3 HOW

Coach ask

1 WHAT DO YOU THINK TO HIT THE BALL THIS WAY ?

- INTENTION
- EMOTIONS
- ACTION



Coach ask

2 WHY DO YOU HIT THE BALL THIS WAY ?

- POSTURE
- COGNITIVE
- MOTOR MOTIONS PREFERENCES



Coach ask

3 HOW DO YOU HIT THE BALL THIS WAY ?

- BIOMECH
- KINETIC CHAIN
- TECHNIQUE



IS THERE A MISSING LINK THAT MAKE MY PLAYERS TO STILL NOT LEARNING THE WAY I TEACH THEM ?

- **OR STRUGGLE TO PERFORM BETTER ?**
- **OR SOMETHING I DON'T KNOW ?**
- **OR**
- **TO LEARN THE SAME MOVEMENT, I TEACH THEM FOR LONG TIME ?**
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Learning preferences how the best performers learn differently

SETTING INTENTION

- **BEFORE ANY EXPERINCE(training, drills ,exercises ,match)**
- **Ask “WHAT I WANT TO LEARN ?**
- **Or WHAT SKILL I’M focus ON BUILDING ?**
- **This question sets a mental filter (ASR-Google)making**
- **relevant information stand out , you program your brain**
- **To notice all relevant info what matter most.**



• REFLEXION

- Post experience reflection turns thoughts into long lasting lessons.
- Its not just passive learning
- It's an active learning process
- WHAT DID I LEARN ?
- HOW CAN THIS APPLY TO THE FUTUR? WHY DID THAT HAPPEN ?
- research show that few minutes reflective
- at the end of the day/session
- Can have a huge impact on learning and performance
- Around 20 % better result



TO LEARN-TRAIN-AUTOMATE

*You are unconsciously incompetent...so you need **to learn!***

STAGE 1

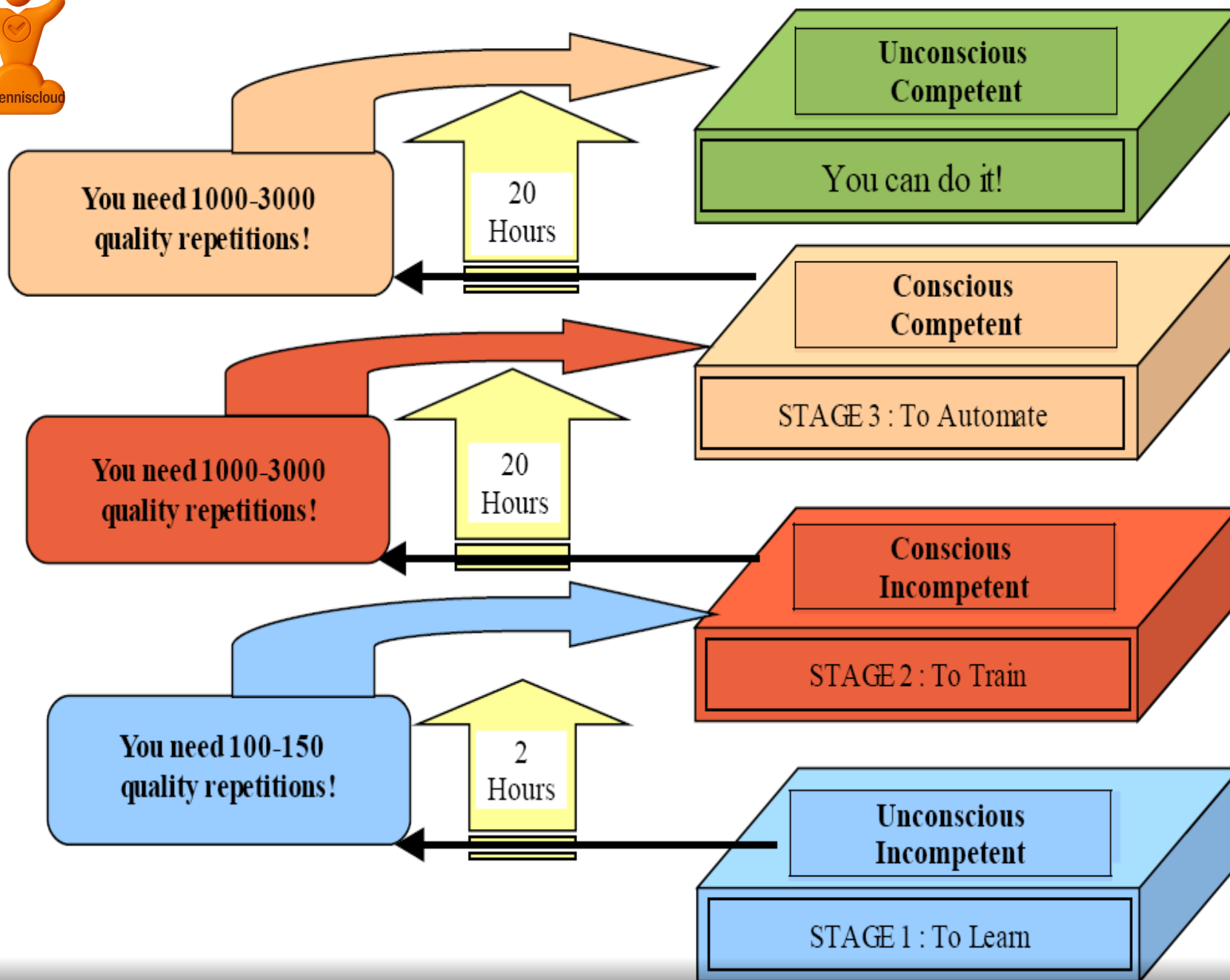
*You are consciously incompetent...so you need **to train!***

STAGE 2

*You are consciously competent...so you need **to automate!***

STAGE 3

*You are unconsciously competent, you can now **do it under pressure!***





LEARNING CHANNELS PREFERENCES

A.

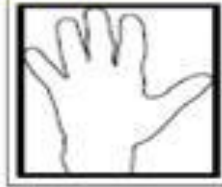


(visual)

“A picture tells more then 1000 words”, is also very true for learning to play tennis! Demo's from the teacher are very important. Approximately 50% will be remember if you can **picture** the information, explanation and/or movements! This also enhance your visualizing skills!

Picture it! Try to use your mental skills to make a picture, look very focused at the **demo!**

C.



(kinesthetic)

Simplified this means to **feel** the movement. Clearly it's important for playing tennis to feel the stroke, so we can correct it, if we have to! Together with '**picture it**' and '**keywords**' you get a tremendous wealth of feedback combining the three learning styles!

Feel it! This tool is amplified with VIPs or 'very important points' for enhancing the **feel!**

B.



(auditory)

Hearing an explanation results in only 7% remembering. But '**keywords**' combined with a **demo** is extremely powerful and raise it to 70%!

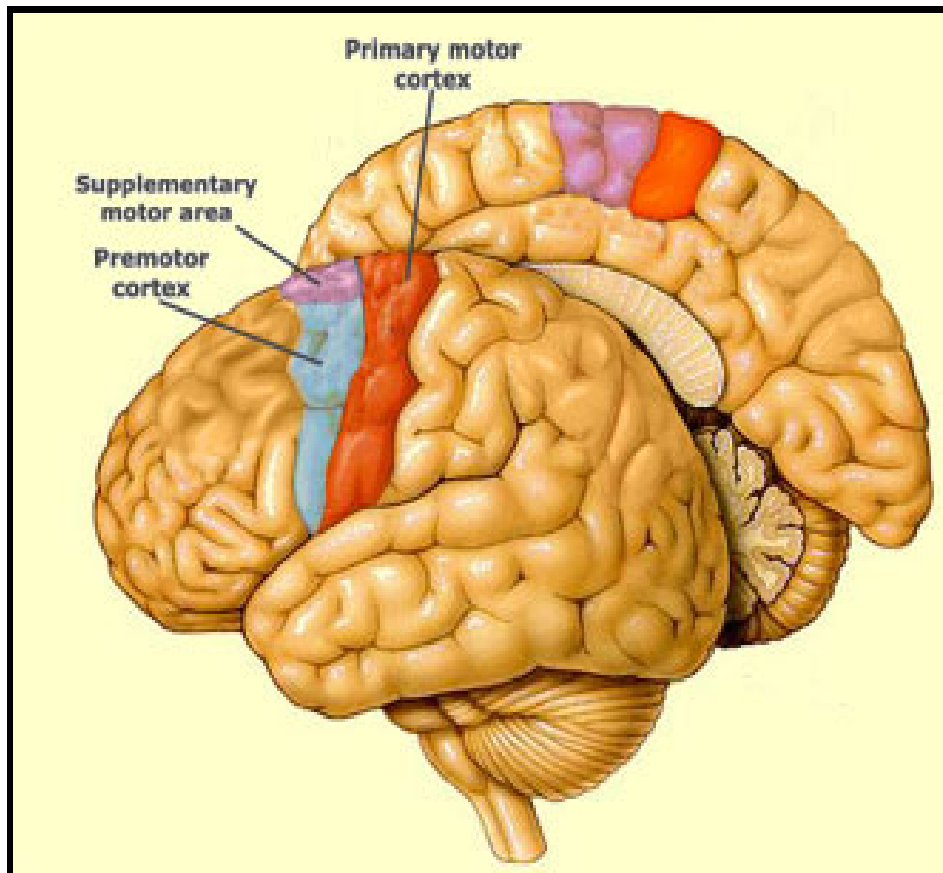
Keywords! These are the **summary** of the picture for easy remembering and triggering your visualizing skills!



The Incredible Power of Visual Learning

Here is an excerpt from an article that just appeared in Scientific American Mind. It's from the April/May 2006 edition:

"Humans See, Human Do - Brain Cells That Mirror Actions We See Are Key to Learning..."



"[Mirror] neurons are scattered throughout key parts of our brain -- the premotor cortex and centers for language, empathy, and pain -- and fire not only as we perform a certain action **but also when we watch someone else perform that action**. These neurons have been studied in the past for their roles in movement and other functions. Now, however, researchers are examining them intensely for what seems to be an additional function -- the way they fire in response to something observed. **The discovery of this mechanism, made about a decade ago, suggests that everything we watch someone else do, we do as well** -- in our minds. At its most basic, this finding means we mentally rehearse or imitate every action we witness, whether it is a somersault or a subtle smile. It explains how we learn to smile, talk, walk, dance, **or play tennis.**"

Scientific American Mind
April/May 2006
P. 23-24

THE 4 STEPS ON THE COURT VISUALISATION TRAINING

3 REPETITIONS FOR EACH STEP USING THE RIGHT INTENTION-EMOTION-ACTION



STEP 1 - WATCH A VIDEO
NORMAL / SLOW MOTION SPEED OF THE ELEMENT TO WORK ON

STEP 2 – ASSOCIATE VISUALISATION
CLOSE YOUR EYES AND VISUALISE INTERNALLY YOURSELF DOING THE MOTION
FEELING THE MOTIONS AND SPEED OF THE MOTION

STEP 3 – DISSOCIATED VISUALISATION
CLOSED OR OPEN YOUR EYES VISUALIZE YOURSELF IN FRONT OF YOU DOING
THE MOTION

STEP 4 – HIT THE BALL WITH THE RIGHT INTENTION –ACTION
THEN REPETE THE CIRCLE



EXPERIMENTATION

Is that human learn best when they are given
The opportunity to Experiment and Explore an
Idea

In the absence of micro-management
or rot repetition

Also, this promotes individual imitative
which will become
Very significant during a match.

COMPONENTS BASED LEARNING

IS THAT A SKILL IS BEST BROKEN DOWN INTO SAMPLE UNITS THAT CAN BE EASILY CONSUMED AND RETAIN BY THE BRAIN AND RESUSED IN A VARIETY OF CONTEXTS



Template based instruction is a method by which an entire stroke is taught as a single unit

A template is a patterned structure that is used as a guide to replicate copies of a desirable or useful object, idea, even a tennis stroke as suggested by the figure below..



In template-based instruction, the full stroke, from takeback to follow through, is taught as a single unit

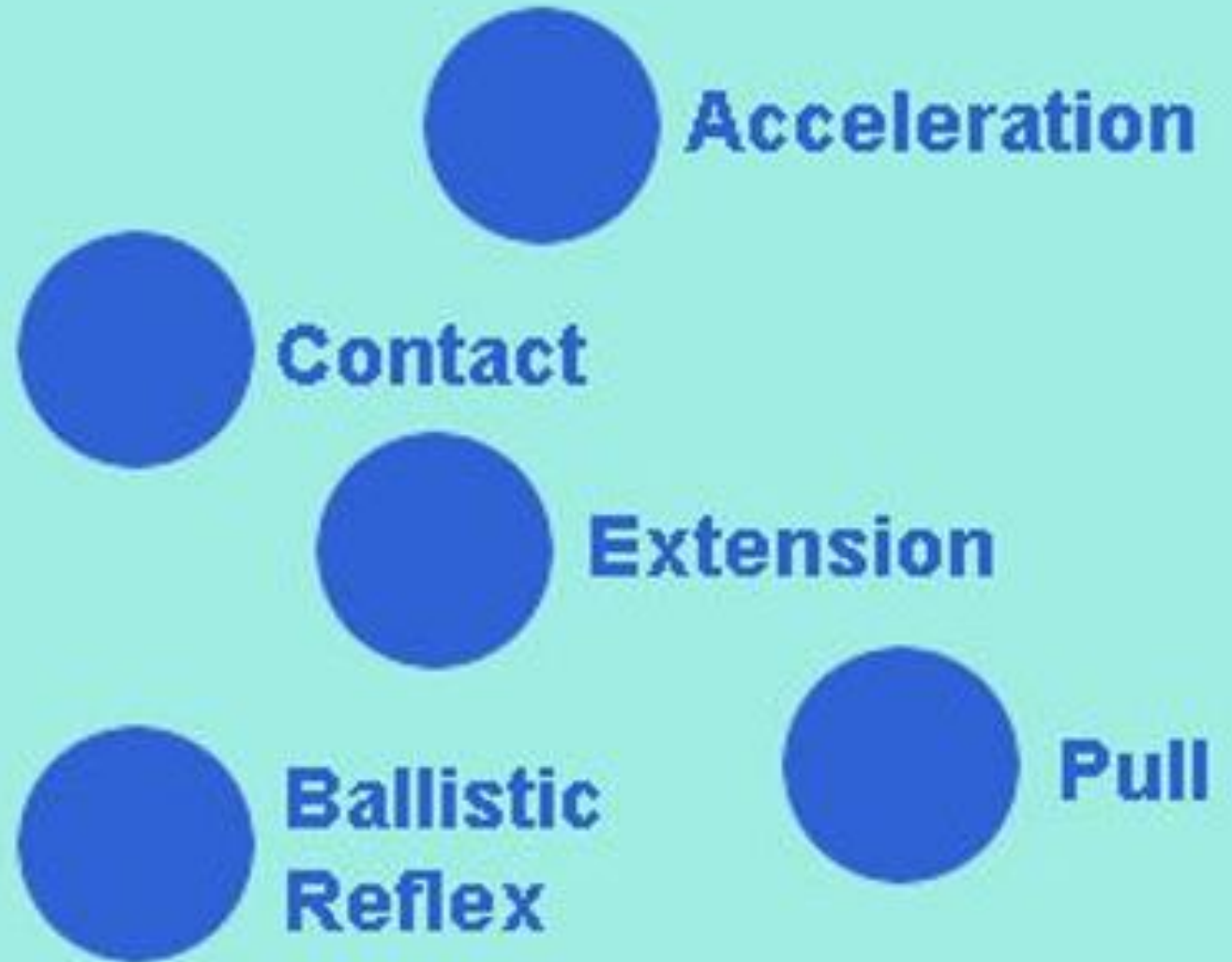


Check

Swing

Step

Turn



Children develop the components of actions, such as walking, through



We learn by positive reinforcement

Its very powerful so

We can reinforce

e their natural motors motions

To improve and get better player.

TELL THEM WHAT THEY GOOD AT !!!

**0,3 % OF IMPROVEMENT EVERYDAY = 100% 1
year**



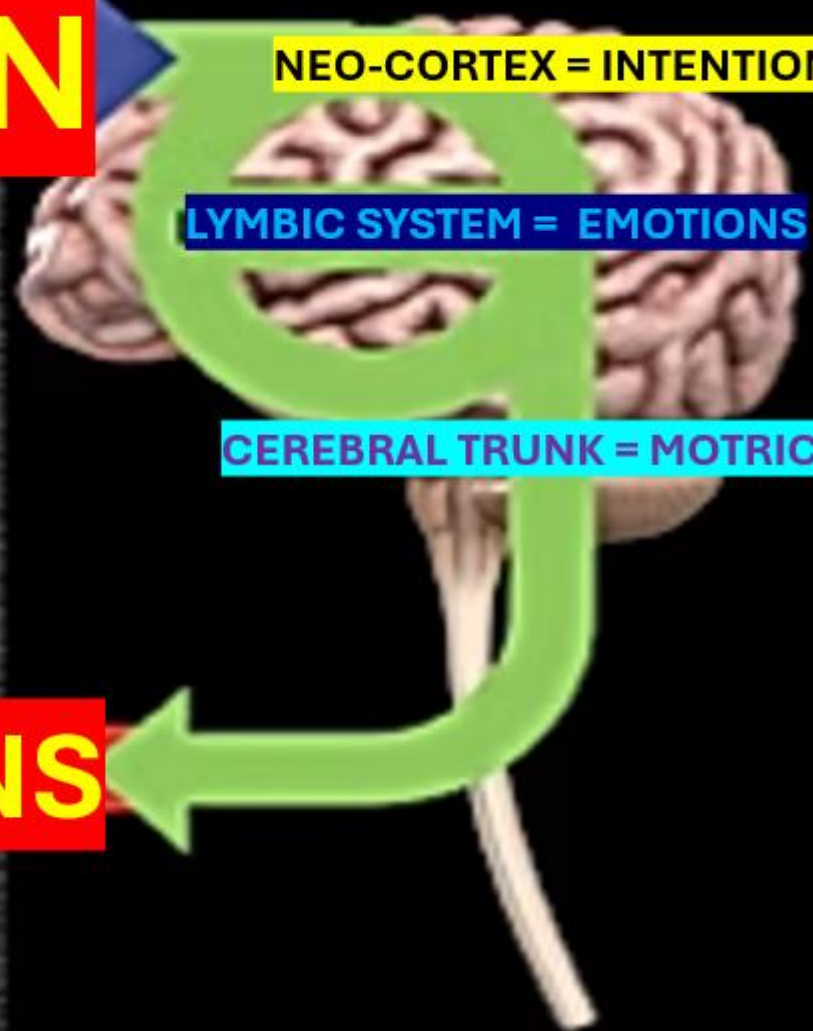


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PERCEPTION

MOTOR ACTIONS



NEO-CORTEX = INTENTION

LYMBIC SYSTEM = EMOTIONS

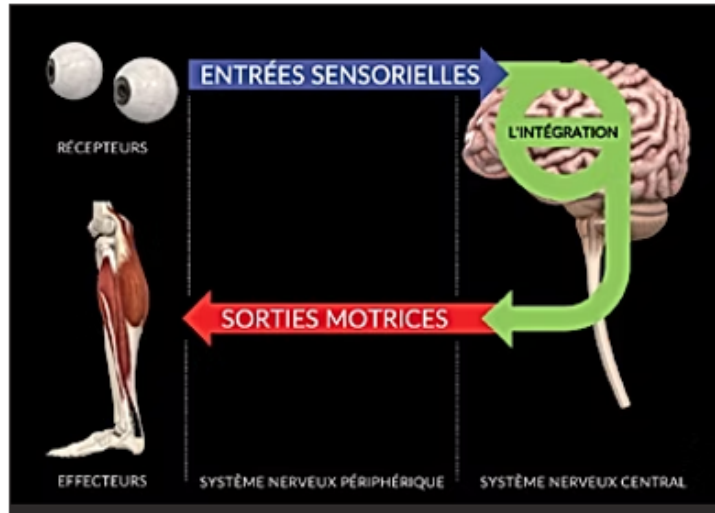
CEREBRAL TRUNK = MOTRICITY



PRICIPLES OF INTENTION -ACTION MIND / BODY COACHING



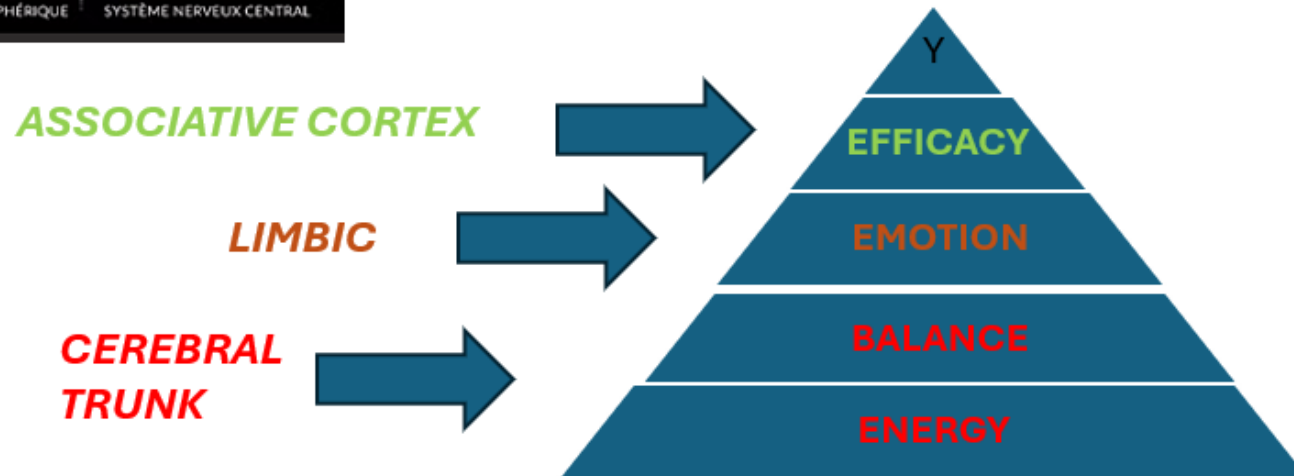
INFO PROCESS HEAD TO BODY



WE LOOK TO SPEAK TO :

- 1_ **CEREBRAL TRUNK (SURVIVAL)** BALANCE/ DIFFICULTY
- 2 _ **LIMBIC SYSTEM (EMOTIONS)** PLEASUR / PAIN ,SENS
- 3 _ **ASSOCIATIVE CORTEX (AWARENESS)**
EXPLANATIONS,REPRESENTATION(PICTURE),GOAL

INTENTION / MAKE THE BALL FLY HIGH 3 METERS OVER THE NET
EMOTION / BE LIGHT , REBOUND
ACTION/ WEIGHT IN FRONT



MATCHING PROFILE TYPES OF EXERCICES



AERIAL TYPE

- 1- ELONGATION
- 2- STIFFNESS
- 3 -REACTIVITY
- 4- PROJECTION



GROUNDING TYPE



- 1 – MOBILITY
- 2- STABILITY
- 3- STRENGTH
- 4 - PROPULSION



COACHING QUESTIONS TO HELP MOTOR LEARNING

Clarification

What do you mean by what?

Probing assumptions

What are you assuming will happen ?

Exploring perspectives

How would your opponent see that point ?

Implications

What will happen if you lost this point ?

Probing reasons

Why did you make that decision ?



QUESTIONS

HELP PLAYERS TO BECOME BETTER AT :

•

DECISION MAKING

•

SOLVING PROBLEMS

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REFLECTIVE LEARNER

Meta-questions

What did this question help you realise?



DIFFERENTIAL LEARNING CHALLENGES CONVENTIONAL COACHING

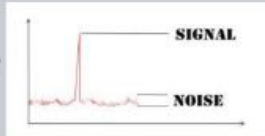
BY REJECTING THE NOTION OF A “CORRECT WAY” TO PERFORM A SKILL.

INSTEAD, IT EMBRACE “VARIABILITY” AND ENCOURAGE PLAYERS TO ADAPT TO DIFFERENTS CONDITIONS

Differential Learning (DL)

Goal

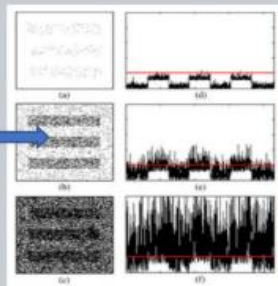
Strengthen the signal (i.e. the unknown movement pattern for the task) embedded in the internal noise within the motor system..



..by adding external noise (i.e., variability in practice conditions)...



..via a process called *stochastic resonance* whereby the optimal amount of external noise constructively strengthens the signal.



Schollhorn (1999)

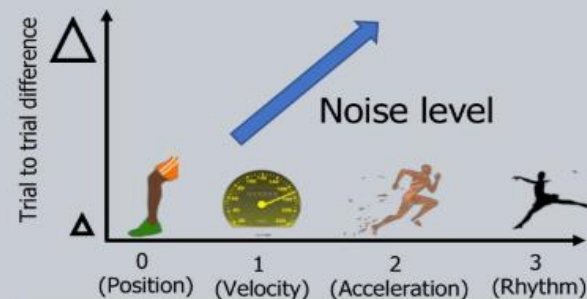
Manipulations

Find optimal noise in practice conditions for the individual athlete depending on:



Response to challenge

Increase noise level with both type of variation and trial-to-trial difference...



Exercise

- 1) Receive ball w/ chest (l. arm up, r. arm straight lateral)
- 2) Receive ball w/ chest (head nodding forward & backwards)
- 3) Receive ball w/ chest (circle hips, both arms straight lateral)
- 4) Receive ball w/ chest (feet crossed, accelerate upper body)

Results

↑ Performance



Beckmann & Schollhorn (2003)



Savelsbergh et al (2010)



Schollhorn et al (2012)

↑ Creativity/Tactical Behavior



Santos et al (2018)

↑ Brain EEG Low Frequency Activity



Henz et al. (2018)



DIFFERENTIAL LEARNING



PERFECT MOTION

Domi

CONSTRAINT TRAINING
CLASSIC TRAINING

**WE CAN'T
REPETE THE
EXACT SAME
MOTION**

**REPETITION
WITHOUT
REPETITION OF THE
SAME MOTION**

**VARIABILITY IN
TRAINING
BRING
STABILITY IN
COMPETITION**

**THE BRAIN IS ABLE TO PRODUCE ONLY
MOVEMENTS SITUATED BETWEEN 2
EXTREMES MOVEMENTS THAT ARE
ALREADY INTEGRATED**

VARIABILITY



I Define rules

- give a precise thing to do
- hit a target
- No task how to do it
- No judgement
- Finish with Normal shots to verified
- how things become easier



VARIABILITY



- 2 ON THE PLAYER

In his position

- Toward the incoming ball, close, far , mid way with an angle, on 1 foot)

- IN MOVEMENT (walking, balancing, bouncing, or in static

- Moving laterally, backward, foreword.

- Grip/ HAND POSITION, (1 hand, mid grips, strings hand)

-



- Modified stroke , bigger , shorter, higher ,lower takeback)

VARIABILITY REPETITION WITHOUT REPETITION



▶ **Hit 3 BALLS AND CHANGE SITUATIONS FROM TARGET/PLAYER SHOTS/TRAJECTORIES / MAKE PLAYERS ADAPT to all variations**

Every 3 shots feeding change balls/bounces types

- Spin, speed, height
- Position Behind baseline, on and in the baseline
- From center, left ,right side of the court
- Change target direction and spaces ,long, short , fast ,slow balls
- Player hitting patterns pf play
- Player hitting shots types and stances



Forehand stroke variability



Wrist velocity & acceleration –
Variable

Racket orientation at impact
Consistent

Shoulder angular movement –
Consistent

Elbow velocity & acceleration –
Variable

Summary: Racket position is relatively constant at impact, however, how the racket gets there is variable

(Knudson, 1990)



Forehand stroke variability

A key feature through building, development and junior phases



1970-80s - Skilled performance was thought to be totally consistent - every repetition, a mirror image of the previous; the simple message during stroke development was to repetitively practise the same action.

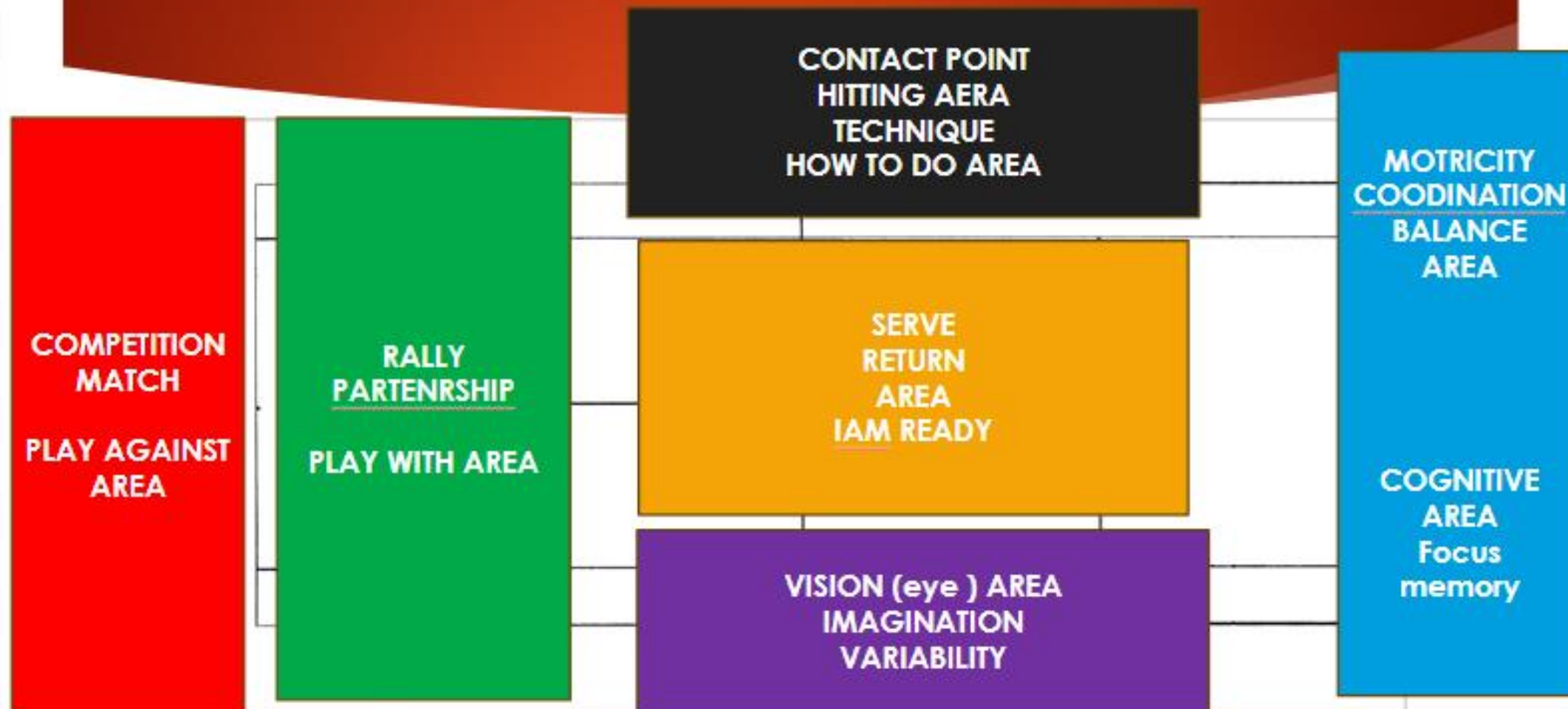


Today - Variability is an essential feature of human motor behaviour, affording the necessary flexibility and adaptability needed in skilled performance. (Davids et al., 2006)

MINITENNIS SAMPLE LEARNING AERAS



SAMPLE TENNIS KID'S PEDAGOGY



THANK YOU
AND QUESTION
TIME

