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# 2010 Chinic Sprint Notes

# SPRINT RELAY EXCHANGES AND SPEED DEVELOPMENT CHRIS HERRIOT ARROWHEAD HIGH SCHOOL

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### **BLOCK STARTS**

Setting the Blocks

- 1. Determine the "power leg"
- 2. Place heal on back of starting line away from finish
- 3. Set blocks down in front of toe
- 4. Set front pedal for "power leg"

Place heal at front of block set up pedal in front of toe

- 5. Back foot placement
  - Bunched
    - -Take one half step back from first pedal
  - Medium
    - Take one full step back from first pedal
  - Elongated
    - Take about a step and a half back from first pedal
- 6. Hands should be placed along the starting line about shoulder width apart

## Set position

- 1. Bring hips up just past shoulders
- 2. Arms should be parallel with vertical plane of starting line
- 3. Spine should be in a neutral position with the head looking out about 1 meter

in front of the starting blocks.

- 4. Heels should rock back against pedals
- 5. Pressure should be applied by both feet against pedals and by hands
- 6. Runner should focus on first move not gun.

-(eg. Split the hands)

7. Draw in breath to be exhaled gradually at gun

Coming out (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1slz7EMt8U&feature=related)

- 1. Both legs should push off blocks simultaneously
- 2. Arms should "split" with the "power" side arm coming out over the head first followed by the opposite side.

-both arms should be bent at about 90°

- 3. Back leg should come straight off block 3 to 5 cm off ground
- Athlete should drive out taking short "powerful" steps for at least 30 to 35 meters.
- 5. Stride length and frequency should increase with each successive step

# Sprint Relay Exchanges

- Sprint Relays
  - **—**400M Relay
  - **—**800M Relay
  - **—**1600M Relay
    - Technical aspects
    - Various requirement for individual legs
    - Psychological aspects ?

# **Key Points**

### Rule #1-

- The team that gets the BATON around the fastest wins Rule # 2-
- You won't get to use the 4 sprinters you want to use Rule # 3-
  - Someone will screw up. . . Make sure they are ready

### 400 METER RELAY

- 400M Relay
  - Traditionally
    - 1<sup>st</sup> leg and Anchor Fastest
  - Special Requirements
    - Refer to Rule #1
    - Block Skills
    - Running the Curve
    - Ability to work with handoff partner
    - Nerves (can your fastest kid take the pressure of anchoring)
    - Weak link

# 400M Relay

- Passing the baton
  - Closed exchange
    - Incoming runner
      - When to call stick
      - Aim for elbow then palm
      - Shoot arm straight forward
    - Outgoing Runner
      - Snatch vs layout
      - Check off point?
      - Hip check
- Practice
  - Checking for speed
  - Make this part of your speed training
  - VIDEO!!!!!

# 800 METER RELAY

- 800M Relay
  - Traditionally
    - Treated like 400M Relay
  - Special Considerations
    - Block Skills
    - Wind
    - Indoor Vs Outdoor

- Consistency with the stick
- Weak link (less room to play)

# 1600M RELAY

- 1600M Relay
  - Promote the cult to the 4x4
  - It's an honor not a punishment
  - Traditionally
    - 1<sup>st</sup> leg and Anchor Fastest
  - Special Considerations
    - Indoor Vs Outdoor
    - Competition
    - Do you have a kid who would rather die than lose? If yes he or she is your anchor!
    - Preparing for #3

# 1600M Relay

- Passing the Baton
  - —Open Exchange
  - —Holding the Baton
  - —Incoming Runner
    - Candle Stick
  - —Out Going Runner

    - Three Step and Turn
      Teach 2<sup>nd</sup> tangent at the break
  - -Indoor

w	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1	Intensive Tempo (AP)	Speed (S)	Extensive Tempo
	Intensive Tempo (AP)	Speed (S)	Extensive Tempo
2	intensive Tempo (AF)	Speed (3)	Extensive Tempo
3	Intensive Tempo (AP)	Speed (S)	Extensive Tempo
4	Intensive Tempo (LAC)	Speed (S)/ Speed (AASE)	Speed Endurance (GSSE)
5	Intensive Tempo (LAC)	Speed (S)/ Speed (AASE)	Speed Endurance (GSSE)
6	Intensive Tempo (LAC)	Speed (S)/ Speed (AASE)	Speed Endurance (GSSE)
7	Intensive Tempo (LAC)	Speed (S)/ Speed Endurance (SE)	Pre-Meet
8	Intensive Tempo (LAC)	Speed (S)/ Speed Endurance (SE)	Pre-Meet
9	Intensive Tempo (LAC)	Speed (S)/ Speed Endurance (SE)	Pre-Meet



