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Abstract

The purpose of the present study was to investigate the relationship between lower body strength and power on swimming performance of male adolescent swimmers. The present study was also conducted to determine the main contributing factors between lower leg power and strength to swimming performance. Sixty six club swimmers age ranged between 17-18 years old participated in this study. Leg power was assessed using standing vertical jump while leg strength was assessed using wall squat test. Swimming performance was assessed by using 25m flutter kick. Data yielded significant relation between leg power and swimming performance ($r = 0.301, p < 0.05$), leg strength and swimming performance ($r = 0.294, p < 0.05$). Regression analysis further indicated that leg power and strength was significant contributor in swimming performance ($p < 0.05$). Leg power contributed the most compared to leg strength with the value of 0.268 ($p < 0.05$). In conclusion, result suggested that lower body strength and power contributed to swimming performance.
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