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51 ABSTRACT

53	Injury rates between elite female and male players are comparable, although
54	female players are more likely to sustain an anterior cruciate ligament (ACL)
55	injury. The common mechanism of ACL injury is non-contact trauma
56	sustained when landing from a jump. The Tuck Jump Assessment (TJA) is
57	commonly used in football to assess jump landing technique. The aims of
58	this study were to determine inter-rater agreement and internal consistency
59	of the TJA and to identify commonly occurring technique flaws. Sixty elite
60	female football players (mean (SD): age = 20.27 ± 3.44 yrs) were video
61	recorded whilst undertaking the TJA and independently assessed by four
62	raters. Clinically acceptable levels of agreement were reached for 'Lower
63	extremity valgus at landing' k = .83 (95% Cl, .72 – .93); 'Thighs do not reach
64	parallel' k = .84 (95% Cl, .7494); 'Thighs not equal side to side' k = .86
65	(95% CI, .7596). The level of agreement for the composite score of all 10
66	criteria ranged from kw = .62 (95% CI, .48 – .76) to kw = .80 (95% CI, .70 –
67	.90) suggesting a 'fair-to-very good' level of inter-rater agreement. The most
68	common technique flaws were found for criterion 2 'Thighs do not reach
69	parallel' (N=147/665) and criterion 1 'Knee valgus on landing' (N=80/665).
70	However, internal consistency results suggest that the TJA is not
71	unidimensional. We suggest 'Knee valgus on landing' may have clinical utility
72	although further research is needed.

76 INTRODUCTION

77	The advent of professionalism and the exponential rise in the number of
78	UEFA registered female football players has corresponded with a significant
79	increase in the reported incidence of injury. The estimated incidence of injury
80	for female players is between 12.6 and 24.0 injuries per 1000 hours of match
81	play and between 1.2 and 7.0 injuries per 1000 hours of training (Giza,
82	Mithofer, Farrell, Zarins, & Gill, 2005; Le Gall, Carling, & Reilly, 2008; Nilstad,
83	Andersen, Bahr, Holme, & Steffen, 2014). Although injury rates between elite
84	female and male players are comparable (Hagglund, Walden, & Atroshi,
85	2009), female players are more likely to sustain an anterior cruciate ligament
86	(ACL) injury of the knee than their male counterparts (Walden, Hagglund,
87	Magnusson, & Ekstrand, 2011). ACL injury in female players is more likely to
88	occur at an earlier age (Renstrom et al., 2008) and a previous history of ACL
89	injury is considered to be a significant risk factor for reinjury (Faude, Junge,
90	Kindermann, & Dvorak, 2006). The most common mechanism of ACL injury
91	is an acute non-contact trauma sustained during rapid decelerating
92	movements, for example when landing from a jump (Walden et al., 2011).
93	Reduced neuromuscular control during landing may result in increased knee
94	valgus angles termed ligament dominance and increase the likelihood of an
95	individual sustaining an ACL injury (Hewett, Myer, Ford, et al., 2005).
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97	Observational screening tools are commonly used to assess jump landing
98	tasks to identify faulty movement patterns. These screening tools include the
99	Landing Error Scoring System (LESS) (Padua et al., 2009), the Drop Jump
100	test (Barber-Westin, Smith, Campbell, & Noyes, 2010) and the Tuck Jump

Assessment (TJA) (Myer, Ford, & Hewett, 2008). There is a paucity of
evidence to support the validity and reliability of these tools (Frohm, Heijne,
Kowalski, Svensson, & Myklebust, 2012; Kiesel, Plisky, & Voight, 2007).

105 The TJA is widely used to assess jump and landing performance and forms part of the battery of physiological tests used to screen players within the 106 107 English Women's Super League and the English Women's National Team. Performance during the TJA is scored using a 10 item observational tool that 108 109 documents technique flaws associated with the jump landing action for knee and thigh motion, foot position during landing, and plyometric technique 110 (Herrington, Myer, & Munro, 2013; Myer et al., 2008). An individual is 111 112 identified as requiring interventions to correct technique flaws if the TJA composite score is ≥ 6 . There is an ongoing debate about the clinical utility of 113 the TJA and a lack of empirical evidence to support the choice of a cut-off 114 point of >6 (Klugman, Brent, Myer, Ford, & Hewett, 2011; Myer et al., 2008; 115 Myer, Ford, Khoury, Succop, & Hewett, 2011). Moreover, there is limited 116 research on inter-rater reliability of the TJA (Dudley et al., 2013; Herrington 117 et al., 2013; Read, Oliver, de Ste Croix, Myer, & Lloyd, 2016), although a 118 119 recent study of 50 elite level male youth football players concluded that the 120 TJA criterion for knee valgus was a reliable measure of landing performance 121 (Read et al., 2016).

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To date, there have been no studies that have investigated technique flaws associated with the TJA in elite female football players. The primary aim of this study was to determine the inter-rater reliability and degree of internal

- consistency of the TJA. The secondary aim was to identify the most
- 127 commonly occurring technique flaws in elite female football players.

129 **METHOD**

130 **Design**

131 This study was designed to measure inter-rater reliability of two

132 physiotherapists and two sports and conditioning coaches who

- independently scored elite female football players undertaking a tuck jump
- 134 test.
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136 **Participants**

- 137 Participants were 60 elite international female football players (mean <u>+</u> SD:
- 138 age = 20.27 ± 3.44 yrs; height = 168.02 ± 5.26 cm; mass = 62.54 ± 6.33 kg)
- 139 who were medically fit to complete mandatory physiological screening. Each

140 participant completed a tuck jump test that was video recorded and

subsequently assessed by each of the four raters. Assessment of the tuck

- jump test is routinely included in a battery of physiological tests used at the
- team's international training camps and therefore all players were familiar
- 144 with the tuck jump procedure. Written consent was provided by all

participants and raters, and ethical approval was granted by Sheffield Hallam

146 University.

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148 **Raters**

Two physiotherapy and two strength a conditioning coaching staff from the
Women's English Football Association independently scored a video
recording of each player undertaking the tuck jump test. Raters regularly
used the TJA as a screening tool and were experienced with the TJA scoring
process. Characteristics of the raters were:

154	•	Rater 1: Physiotherapist - Women's Football
155		Association (FA) with 5 years of experience in elite female football; 10
156		years post qualifying experience (Health & Care Professions Council
157		registered Physiotherapist)
158	•	Rater 2: Physiotherapist - for a women's super
159		league team with 3 years of experience at an FA girls centre of
160		excellence; 11 years post qualifying experience (Health & Care
161		Professions Council registered Physiotherapist)
162	•	Rater 3: Strength and Conditioning Coach - Women's FA
163		with 8 years of experience in elite football; 11 years post qualifying
164		experience (United Kingdom Strength & Conditioning Association
165		accredited)
166	•	Rater 4: Strength and Conditioning Coach -
167		who had worked with multi-sport elite athletes and had 1 year post
167 168		who had worked with multi-sport elite athletes and had 1 year post qualifying experience with football players of a national standard
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standardised verbal instructions and a practical demonstration of tuck jumps

to each participant immediately before they took the tuck jump test. A video 179 recording of individual tuck jumps from the sagittal and coronal was made 180 using two Sony PJ410 High Definition cameras on tripods. The tuck jump 181 test was standardised in-line with previously published protocols (Dudley et 182 al., 2013; Herrington et al., 2013; Myer et al., 2008). Two strips of 2.5cm tape 183 were placed 20cm apart and aligned parallel to each other. Participants were 184 185 instructed to stand with one foot on each tape strip and to perform repeated tuck jumps for 10 seconds, lifting their knees to be level with the hips in the 186 187 horizontal plane, and to return to the start position. Participants were encouraged to use a high level of effort. No feedback was given to 188 participants whilst they performed tuck jumps. 189

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Each rater independently scored the tuck jump test of each participant by 191 watching the video in real time. In order to standardise the test raters were 192 193 instructed to view the video of each participant no more than 3 times prior to scoring their tuck jumps across the 10 criterion of the TJA screening tool 194 (Dudley et al., 2013; Herrington et al., 2013; Myer et al., 2008). A score of 1 195 was assigned if the participant failed to meet an individual criterion on any 196 197 occasion during the test (i.e. had a technique flaw) and a score of 0 was 198 assigned if the participant did not exhibit a technique flaw. The total score was calculated for each participant with higher scores indicative of poorer 199 performance. 200

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202 Data Analysis

203 Raw data was screened for anomalies including data inputted incorrectly. A one-variable x² test was conducted to measure the association between the 204 observed and expected frequencies of technique flaws. The minimum 205 206 number of participants required to detect a kappa coefficient as statistically 207 significant when the value of kappa (K) was set at k = .00 (with 80% power) was n=39 (Sim & Wright, 2005). Fleiss Kappa (an extension of the Cohen's 208 209 kappa coefficient (k) for two raters) was utilised to assess multiple inter-rater agreement for each TJA criterion with standard error of measurement (SEM) 210 211 and 95% confidence intervals (CI). The significance level was set at p < 0.05. Microsoft Office Excel 2010 was used to compute Fleiss Kappa. A weighted 212 kappa (*Kw*) was performed on the total score to calculate the degree of 213 214 disagreement. The interpretation of Cohen's kappa coefficient utilised 215 arbitrary theoretical values set by Fleiss et al. (2003) as < 0.40 poor, 0.41 -0.75 fair to good and 0.75 - 1.00 very good, with > 0.75 used as a cut off for 216 217 clinically acceptable measure of inter-rater agreement (Sim & Wright, 2005). 218 Internal consistency of total scores was assessed by Cronbach's alpha 219 reliability coefficient. There is no consensus for the lower limit of the 220 221 coefficient so the following rules of thumb were applied: > .9 - Excellent, >

.8 - Good, > .7 - Acceptable, > .6 - Questionable, > .5 - Poor, and < .5 - Correct conditional conditions and <math>> .5 - Correct conditions and < .5 - Correct conditions and <math>> .5 - Correct conditions and < .5

Unacceptable (George & Mallory, 2003). Cronbach's alpha analysis was

224 performed using SPSS version 21.

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226 **RESULTS**

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228 Frequency of technique flaws

- The sum of technique flaws scored by all four raters was 665 (Table 1). The
- 230 most frequent technique flaw was Criterion 2 'Thighs do not reach parallel'
- 231 (N=147/665, 22%), the second most frequent technique flaw was criterion 1
- ²³² 'Knee valgus on landing' (N=80/665, 12%) and the least frequent technique
- flaw was Criterion 9 'Pause between jumps' (N=23/665, 4%).

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- 235 [Insert Table 1 here]
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The x^2 value of 152.1, DF=9 had an associated probability value of 0.0001.

Thus we can accept that there was a significant difference between the

239 observed and expected frequencies.

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The frequency of technique flaws within each of the categories of the TJA 241 242 (Knee and thigh motion, comprising 3 criterion; Foot position during landing, comprising 5 criterion; and Foot position during landing, comprising 2 243 244 criterion) were calculated relative to the maximum number of technique flaws 245 possible was calculated (i.e. (60 participants x 4 raters) x the number of criterion included in each sub-category) There were 234/720 (32.5%) 246 technique flaws for Knee and thigh motion 307/1200 (46%) technique flaws 247 248 for Foot position during landing and 64/480 (13.3%) technique flaws for Plyometric technique. 249

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251 Inter-rater agreement

252	The Fleiss kappa coefficient values used to determine inter-rater agreement
253	ranged from 'fair-to-good', $k = .46$ (95% CI, .3556) to 'very good' $k = .86$
254	(95% CI, .7494). Raters reached substantial agreement for 'Lower
255	extremity valgus at landing' $k = .83$ (95% CI, .72 – .93); 'Thighs do not reach
256	parallel (peak of jump)' $k = .84$ (95% Cl, .7494); 'Thighs not equal side to
257	side' $k = .86$ (95% CI, .7596). A descending order of inter-rater agreement
258	from criterion 1 to criterion 10 was observed in the results.
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260	[Insert Table 2 here]
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262	Weighted kappa (k_w) coefficient values used to determine inter-rater
263	agreement of the composite score ranged from $k_w = .62$ (95% CI, .48 – .76)
264	to $k_w = .80$ (95% CI, .70 – .90) suggesting a 'fair-to-very good' level of inter-
265	rater agreement.
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267	[Insert Table 3 here]
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269	Internal Consistency
270	Low alpha values were detected across all four raters for the entire TJA
271	scale. Internal consistency was reassessed with items 9 and 10 removed
272	(Plyometric technique) as the repeated plyometric nature of the TJA over a
273	10 second period differentiates it from previous tests such as the Landing

- 274 Error Scoring System (Padua et al 2015). As an 8 item scale there were
- negligible alterations in internal consistency (range α = .091 .161, Table 4).

- 276 Internal consistency results suggest that the TJA scale and sub items are not
- 277 unidimensional

279 [Insert Table 4 here]

281 **DISCUSSION**

282 Statement of principal findings

This is the first study to investigate technique flaws associated with the TJA 283 284 in elite female football players. The TJA was designed for use with athletic populations to detect technique flaws in jump landing tasks (Myer et al., 285 2008). In our study four raters identified 665 technique flaws in 60 286 287 participants. The most frequent flaws were 'Thighs do not reach parallel' (criterion 2) and 'Knee valgus on landing' (criterion 1), which are part of the 288 289 'Knee and thigh motion' category of the TJA. The least frequent technique flaws were criterion 9 'Pause between jumps' and criterion 10 'Technique 290 declines prior to 10 seconds', which form the 'Plyometric technique' category 291 292 of the TJA. The inter-rater level of agreement for the total score of the TJA 293 was 'fair-to-very good' with all criteria of the 'Knee and thigh motion' category reaching clinically acceptable levels of agreement. Low alpha values for 294 295 internal consistency suggest the individual criteria contained within the TJA are not unidimensional therefore they are not measuring the same underlying 296 construct (i.e. jump landing task). 297

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299 Meaning of the study findings

The TJA is currently used by teams within the English Women's Super League and has been used by the English Women's National Teams. The TJA is utilised by coaches and medical staff as a screening tool to assess performance of jump landing tasks, and as an outcome measure in regard of neuromuscular retraining.

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Previous studies investigating the TJA have not clearly identified the frequency of individual technique flaws and this limits our ability to compare between studies. In our study criterion 2 'Thighs do not reach parallel' was the most frequently identified technique flaw and 'Pause between jumps' was the least frequently identified technique flaw. Dudley et al. (2013) also reported criterion 2 as the most frequently identified technique flaw but did not report the rank of other TJA criteria.

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314 Herrington et al. (2013) reported the inter-rater level of agreement for the composite score of the TJA using 2 raters to be very good/excellent (K=0.88) 315 316 in a sample of ten athletes. The inter-rater percentage of exact agreement 317 between raters across all ten criteria was 93% (range 80%-100%, i.e. high). 318 Interestingly, Dudley et al. (2013) reported the inter-rater level of agreement using 5 Raters to be poor in 40 recreationally active university students 319 320 (ICC=0.47, 95% CI 0.33-0.62). Read et al. (2016) used a test-retest design to 321 investigate intersession reliability of the TJA in 50 elite male youth football 322 players. Although reliability was found to be strong (ICC=0.88) the authors suggested caution in interpreting the composite score of the TJA due to high 323 324 within-subject variation in a number of individual criterion.

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The difference in the reported levels of agreement may in part be explained by the statistical test selected by investigators. Sample sizes of at least 50 are recommended when using percentage of exact agreement (Birkimer & Brown, 1979). Therefore results from studies containing smaller sample sizes are quite probably the result of chance agreement and should be

considered with caution. Each of the TJA criteria is scored in a dichotomous
manner i.e. flaw occurred or no flaw occurred and the data is therefore
characterised as nominal. Kappa coefficients are recommend for use as the
preferred statistical test to determine the inter-rater level of agreement for
nominal data (Hallgren, 2012). We utilised Fleiss Kappa to determine interrater agreement for individual TJA criteria and a weighted Kappa to
determine inter-rater agreement for the composite score.

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339 Cronbach's alpha is considered to infer the degree to which the criteria measures a single unidimensional construct. Our internal consistency 340 statistics raise concern about the construct validity of the TJA suggesting 341 342 redundancy of TJA criteria. Analysis with the 'Plyometric technique' category removed to determine if the psychometric properties of the test would be 343 improved as an 8 item measure found that unidimensionality remained 344 violated. However it is important to note that jump landing is a skill 345 characterised by multiple factors. 346

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Errors are also introduced into TJA by variability in the interpretation of what constitutes the occurrence of a technique flaw. Dudley et al. (2013) claims that instructions used to assess performance during the tuck jump test do not specify whether a technical flaw should be scored by the rater if observed only on a single occasion or whether it needs to occur repeatedly and consistently throughout the assessment, lead to inconsistency of scoring between assessors. Our raters were instructed to score the presence of a

technique flaw when they identified a flaw within the time frame of the test i.e10 seconds.

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Myer et al. (2008) suggest that individuals with a total TJA score of >6 have 358 an increased risk of sustaining an ACL injury and interventions to address 359 landing errors should be employed. To our knowledge there is no empirical 360 361 evidence to support the use of a cut point of ≥ 6 . The results from the present study suggest that TJA criterion are not internally consistent and do not have 362 363 a coherent empirical structure (i.e. are not interrelated). However if multiple items were highly interrelated then a case could be made that some items 364 should be removed as they are measuring the same thing. It is important to 365 366 note that although the items were not internally consistent it does necessarily mean that the composite score is not meaningful. 367

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A recent study by Read et al. (2016) concluded that only the knee valgus 369 370 criterion could be reliably used to screen elite youth male football players as a measure of landing performance. A prospective study by (Hewett, Myer, 371 Ford, et al., 2005) found increased knee abduction angles (knee valgus) 372 373 during a plyometric activity to be a significant predictor of ACL injury. In our 374 study 'Knee valgus on landing' was the second commonest technique flaw 375 reaching clinically acceptable levels of agreement. ACL strain from valgus 376 knee loading has been confirmed through cadaver, in vivo and 3-dimensional 377 motion analysis methods (Fukuda et al., 2003; Kanamori et al., 2000; Markolf et al., 1995). Increased internal hip rotation, coupled with increased external 378 rotation of the tibia (dynamic knee valgus) has been found in female football 379

players during jump landing and these have been used to predict ACL injury
(Alentorn-Geli et al., 2009; Barber-Westin et al., 2010). Female athletes have
been found to preferentially rely on increased quadriceps recruitment relative
to hamstring recruitment during incremental vertical jump test using surface
electromyography (Myer, Brent, Ford, & Hewett, 2011). In addition, a
quadriceps dominant landing strategy may increase the risk of sustaining an
ACL rupture (Alentorn-Geli et al., 2009; Hewett, Myer, & Ford, 2005).

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388 Limitations of the study

A number of limitations need to be considered when interpreting our study 389 390 findings. It is possible that the sequence of items in the TJA impacts on recall 391 rates because we observed a trend of decreasing item frequencies and 392 kappa scores through items 1 to 10. Furthermore, Cronbach's alpha is considered a crude measure of reliability (coefficient of reliability) and can be 393 394 influenced by the number of scale items and redundant items (DeVellis, 395 2012). Exploratory factor analysis would have provided a more in-depth assessment of the factor structure and dimensionality of the TJA, although 396 with such low internal consistency scores pursuing exploratory factor 397 398 analysis at this stage may not have provided any further meaningful 399 information. Thus, in future investigators may wish to consider the 'Knee valgus on landing' criterion during jump landing tasks as a predictor of ACL 400 injury in female football. 401

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403 **Conclusion**

404	There is a paucity of studies evaluating the psychometric properties of the
405	TJA and those that exist have inconsistent findings (Dudley et al., 2013;
406	Herrington et al., 2013; Read et al., 2016). Our study found that the criterion
407	used in the TJA are not measuring the same underlying construct (i.e. jump
408	landing task). This raises doubt about the clinical utility of the TJA in its
409	current form. The TJA was intended for use in elite athletes, and assessors
410	that were experienced in its use. Our study was concordant with these
411	directives. Thus, we recommend that assessors should remain cautious
412	when interpreting the composite score of the TJA. The three individual
413	criterion that contribute to the 'Knee and thigh motion' category reached
414	clinically acceptable levels of agreement and may be useful when assessing
415	athletic performance of jump landing tasks. In addition the 'Knee valgus on
416	landing' criterion may have clinical utility and contribute to the screening of
417	elite female football players for potential ACL injury risk. We hope our study
418	catalyses further research in this field.
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Tables & Figures			
TJA Criterion		Frequency response	
	Total flaws	% of total flaws available	% of relative flaws
Knee & thigh motion			
Lower extremity valgus at landing	80	33.3	12
Thighs do not reach parallel	147	61	21.1
Thighs not equal side to side	67	28	10.1
Foot position during landing			
Foot placement not shoulder width apart	67	28	10.1
Foot placement not parallel	68	28.2	10.2
Foot contact timing not equal	50	20.2	7.5
Excessive landing noise	44	18.3	6.6
Does not land in the same footprint	78	33	11.7
Plyometric technique			
Pause between jumps	23	9.5	3.5
Technique declines prior to 10seconds	41	17	6.2

441 Table 1: Frequency response of each TJA criterion listed within respective TJA categories;

442 'knee & thigh motion'; 'foot position during landing'; 'plyometric technique'

453 Table 2: Fleiss Kappa Inter-rater agreement of TJA criterion

TJA criteria	Fleiss Kappa (κ) Inter-rater agreement
Lower extremity valgus at landing	$\kappa = .83 (95\% \text{ Cl}, .7293), p < .000$
Thighs do not reach parallel (peak of jump)	$\kappa = .84$ (95% Cl, .7494), $p < .000$
Thighs not equal side to side	$\kappa = .86$ (95% Cl, .7596), $p < .000$
Foot placement not shoulder width apart	$\kappa = .75$ (95% Cl, .6585), $p < .000$
Foot placement not parallel (front and back)	$\kappa = .73$ (95% Cl, .6282), $p < .000$
Foot contact timing not equal	$\kappa = .70$ (95% Cl, .6081), $p < .000$
Does not land in the same footprint	$\kappa = .60$ (95% Cl, .5071), $p < .000$
Excessive landing noise	$\kappa = .63$ (95% Cl, .5373), $p < .000$
Pause between jumps	$\kappa = .60$ (95% Cl, .4969), $p < .000$
Technique declines prior to 10seconds	$\kappa = .46$ (95% Cl, .3556), $p < .000$

456 Table 3: Weighted Kappa Inter-rater agreement of TJA criterion

Paired raters	Weighted Kappa (K _W) Inter-
	rater agreement (Sum
	score)
PT1 : PT2	к _w = .65 (95% Cl, .51 – .79)
PT_1 : SC_1	κ _w = .80 (95% Cl, .70 – .90)
PT1 : SC2	к _w = .67 (95% Cl, .54 – .80)
PT ₂ : SC ₁	к _w = .70 (95% Cl, .54 – .84)
PT ₂ : SC ₂	κ _w = .79 (95% Cl, .69 – .88)
SC_1 : SC_2	к _w = .62 (95% Cl, .48 – .76)

Abbreviations: TJA: tuck jump assessment,

PT: physiotherapist, SC: strength &

conditioning coach

458 Table 4: Internal consistency

Cronbach's Alpha (α)	Rater 1	Rater 2	Rater 3 (SC ₁)) Rater 4 (SC ₂)
	(PT ₁₎	(PT ₂)		
Entire scale	.073	033	.018	.129
TJA categories		Rater 1 (PT ₁)	Rater 2 (PT ₂)	Rater 3 (SC ₁)
Rater 4 (SC ₂)				
Knee & Thigh motion	397	720	653	509
Foot position during landing	.288	.163	.220	.191
Plyometric technique	.528	.306	.222	.339
With items 9 & 10 removed	.161	.091	.112	.154

Abbreviations: TJA: tuck jump assessment, PT: physiotherapist, SC: strength &

conditioning coach

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