

Chapter 8

THE EXAMINATION OF SOME PHYSICAL AND BIOMOTOR PARAMETERS OF TURKEY NATIONAL WOMEN BOXING TEAM DURING THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PREPARATION CAMP¹

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INTRODUCTION

Boxing, sometimes referred as pugilism, being one of the oldest sports in the history is considered to be a “noble art”. In order to show a high-level and efficient performance, boxers need to develop their technical-tactical skill and improve their physical and physiological fitness (Chaabene et al., 2015). In today’s boxing, the boxing matches are quite exhausting. Throughout a match, the intensity of the competition affects the performance of boxers such as how many effective blows a boxer can land; a dominant boxer in one match lands approximately 300 blows. It must also be noted that a good boxer is able to fight at a distance. The defense movement structure of boxers was studied on and it was seen that during a match using hands to defend oneself constitutes 49% of the boxers’ defense movements, using one’s legs was 3%, and boxers used their torso to defend themselves 18% of the time (Swiecicki et al., 2013). Being a technical and tactical sport, professional boxing requires athletes to be able to perform high-intensity movements with low intensity activity periods and recovery.

To achieve the highest performance level at boxing, effective technique, tactic, physical and mental capacity are required (Ruddock et al., 2016). The number of studies done with elite women boxers in our country is limited. When these studies were reviewed, Çınar et al. (2009) compared women boxers with handballers; Var&Marangoz (2018) compared women boxers with volleyball, handball, football, taekwondo and tennis players. Çakmakçı et al. (2005), Pala

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The last finding obtained as a result of the research is the anaerobic power values of the athletes. The average pre-camp anaerobic power of the athletes was 993.64 w, and 929.21w after the camp, and the development rate was -6% (Table 2). Savaş and Uğraş (2005) determined in their study that they investigated the effects of six-week preliminary training program before the 2nd World Women's Boxing Championship on selected physical and physiological parameters of Turkish women's national boxing team, the average anaerobic power value increased from 52.00 kgm/s to 53.57 kgm/s. Kızılcı et al. (2016) found that the average anaerobic power value was 60.47 ± 8.15 kgm/s in a study conducted with national women boxers who had a mean age of 20.17 ± 3.3 years. Among the total 16 boxers, 11 wore Turkish National Team Uniform, and 5 of them was the first three in the Turkish Championship having the degree of the World and Europe. In addition, in a study, changes and developments in some physical and respiratory parameters were investigated after 12-week training program, and the pre-test anaerobic power averages of the boxers were 118.96 kg/s and the final test averages were 119.62 kg/s (Çakmakçı et al., 2005). Selçuk (2014) stated that it is more effective to use the fixed resistance method to perform the resistance test for boxers because of the increase of anaerobic power of fixed resistance tire exercise (Selçuk, 2014) when working with 12 women boxers at elite level between aged 19-23. In the literature of martial arts, anaerobic power parameter was found to be 621.4 w in American National Women Taekwondo team (Bridge et al., 2014), and in sub-elite women kickboxers it was found to be 8.6 w.kg-1 (Slimaniet al., 2017). Our findings are similar to the literature, and we can say that the athletes had a beneficial camp period positively contributing to the speed and vertical jump parameters.

In conclusion, we can say after a well-designed twelve-week of training camp, there seen positive changes in all measured physical and biomotor features of Turkey National Women's Boxing Team before the World Championships. Developments in the body weight, BMI, body fat percentages, anaerobic power and 10 m speed values are interrelated with each other. These developments can improve over all performance of boxers in World Championship. Furthermore, we agree on the fact that more studies, in terms of similar or different parameters, on elite women boxers should be carried out.

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