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## **DEDICATION**

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## **ABSTRACT**

Behavior analysis procedures have been used to improve sports performance and enhance player safety across a wide variety of sports. The current study evaluated the effects of behavioral skills training on three common field hockey hits, a slap shot, drive, and sweep for young field hockey players. The procedures were evaluated in a multiple baseline across behaviors for three players. Results showed increases in each type of shot once intervention was implemented.

*Keywords:* applied behavior analysis, behavioral skills training, sports performance, field hockey, drive, slap, sweep

## INTRODUCTION

Field hockey is a popular sport among men and women in roughly 122 countries around the world (Murtaugh, 2009). Although it is a recognized sport internationally, there is a lack of behavior analytic research in field hockey. As in most sports, injuries are relatively common in field hockey. According to Murtaugh (2009), when compared to other sports such as basketball and soccer, the rate of injuries in field hockey are similar. While the most common injuries tend to occur on the lower limbs, the second most common injuries occur on the upper limbs and occur at a higher rate in field hockey than other sports (Murtaugh, 2009).

In a review of NCAA field hockey injuries by Dick, Agel, and Vela (2007), concussions and lacerations to the head and face increased significantly between 1988 and 2003. Although there was a decrease in game injuries overall, it is six times more likely that a head injury will occur during a game than during practice. According to Dick et al., nearly 60% of injuries sustained during games were due to either the stick or ball coming into contact with the head, limbs, or fingers. Within the NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook (2009), it was stated that in comparison to basketball, football, and wrestling, head and face injuries are higher in field hockey. The NCAA also reported that the majority of these injuries were due to raised sticks or elevated balls. In recent years, there has been a push for field hockey players to wear more protective headgear (Kriz et al., 2012). In the fall of 2011, many high school teams enforced a rule requiring protective eyewear for players to wear in an attempt to decrease injuries to the face

(Kriz et al., 2012). While this rule has yet to make it to the NCAA or international levels, there is still a concern for head injuries sustained by field hockey players.

Aside from protective gear and changes in rules, there are other ways to attempt to decrease the number of injuries that occur in field hockey. Although it is okay to play an elevated ball as long as it is not considered dangerous, unintentionally elevated balls can occur from improper execution of a hit (Kriz et al., 2012). Within the world of athletics, there are some “traditional” coaching strategies that tend to focus on incorrect responses and negative verbal feedback (Seniuk, Witts, Williams, & Ghezzi, 2013). Typical coaching procedures in field hockey tend to consist of hits being modeled by team members who are considered to have one of the best hits. However, simply watching a model may not be sufficient in learning that skill. Other techniques for teaching skills may be more effective strategies for coaches to utilize.

The application of behavioral principles in sports has been around for nearly four decades. A variety of principles have been evaluated, including but not limited to, behavioral coaching, differential reinforcement, goal setting, verbal feedback, auditory feedback, video modeling, video feedback, and public posting (Anderson, Crowell, Doman, & Howard, 1988; Fogel, Weil, & Burriss, 2010; Kelley & Miltenberger, 2016; Komaki & Barnett, 1977; Luiselli, Woods, & Reed, 2011; Scott, Scott & Goldwater, 1997; Wack, Crosland, & Miltenberger, 2014). Some sports that have been included in the utilization of behavioral principles are football, basketball, tennis, soccer, rugby, ice hockey, and competitive dance. In recent years there has been growth in the research examining the effects of behavioral procedures on sports performance (Luiselli et al., 2011).

In 1977, Komaki and Barnett were the first to examine the concept of behavioral coaching with youth football players in which they evaluated if behavioral coaching would result

in better performance than traditional coaching. Their procedure consisted of describing plays to players, modeling the accurate responses for players, and giving players feedback on how well they performed during practice. Komaki and Barnett saw that with the use of behavioral coaching, youth football players executed plays more accurately than they did with traditional coaching.

A more recent procedure that has been evaluated for teaching new skills is behavioral skills training (BST). BST is an active learning procedure that has been an effective technique for teaching a variety of skills (Himle & Miltenberger, 2004; Miltenberger, 2008, 2016). The process consists of instructions, modeling of the target behavior, an opportunity to rehearse the target behavior, and feedback on the rehearsal of the skill (Himle & Miltenberger, 2004). Results from several studies suggested that when children received BST, they were more likely to correctly implement the safety skills needed when finding a firearm (Gatheridge et al., 2004; Himle, Miltenberger, Gatheridge & Flessner, 2004; Miltenberger et al., 2009), facing an abduction threat (Johnson et al., 2005, 2006), or finding a dangerous item (Dancho, Thompson, & Rhoades, 2008; Houvouras & Harvey, 2014).

Although BST has been shown to be an effective teaching procedure, there is little research on the use of BST and sports performance. Tai and Miltenberger (in press) examined the use of BST for teaching youth football players to tackle properly to avoid head injuries. The researchers examined improper tackling of youth football players and devised a task analysis that defined proper tackling. The researchers first provided instructions and modeled the skills. The participants then repeatedly rehearsed their tackling skills with praise for correct performance and corrective feedback for errors. All participants acquired and maintained their skills at practices throughout the football season and during generalization probes during games. Results

from this study showed the effectiveness of BST to increase the correct performance of tackling skills and suggests using BST within sports performance can lead to an increase in correct performance of skills. However, even though BST components have been included in behavioral coaching procedures (Komaki & Barnett, 1977), only one study has evaluated BST for enhancing sports performance. Therefore, it would be beneficial for the field to continue examining the effectiveness of using BST within sports to enhance performance that may lead to injury reduction. The purpose of this study is to evaluate BST with adolescents interested in playing field hockey to increase the correct form of three types of shots.

## **METHOD**

### **Participants and Setting**

The participants of this study consisted of three 15-year-old females. Participants were recruited through a flier posted on a local adult club field hockey Facebook page. Player 1 was a forward with approximately 2 years field hockey experience. Player 2, a 15-year-old attending a local vocational school had no prior exposure to the sport of field hockey. Player 3 was the most experienced of the three participants, a 15-year-old forward with nearly 8 years of experience.

Sessions were held at the USF Intramural fields, as well as various local parks close to participants' homes. Assessments were conducted on weekdays or weekends depending on player availability. Data were recorded based on task analyses developed for each shot.

Participants were chosen based on the number of steps they performed correctly for each hit. All three participants scored less than 60% during baseline, meeting inclusion criteria to participate.

### **Dependent Variable**

The dependent variable for this study was the percentage of steps correctly performed in the task analysis for three hits; drive, slap shot, and sweep. A drive in field hockey can be defined as positioning both hands at the top of the stick, swinging the stick backwards perpendicular with your shoulders, then following through forward while striking the ball. A slap shot consists of the left hand at the top and the right hand at the middle of the stick. Then, quickly bring the stick back for a short backswing and follow through hitting the ball. A sweep involves both hands at the top of the stick, while getting low to the ground, as the stick is flat

against the field. The stick is then brought backwards and swept along the field forward until making contact with the ball. See Appendices A, B, and C for task analyses of the three target behaviors.

## **Materials**

Materials for this study consisted of field hockey sticks, field hockey balls, cones, and at times a net. A camera on an iPhone 7s was used to record videos for scoring players' hits, as well as researcher implementation of intervention.

## **Data Collection**

Data were collected over the course of 4 months. Video recording occurred throughout baseline and intervention sessions. Assessment sessions consisted of three repetitions of each skill for each participant during baseline and intervention. During assessment sessions, participants were video recorded performing each skill 15 yards from the goal and were asked "show me your (name of the shot)." The participants did not receive any feedback after each shot during assessment sessions in baseline and intervention phases. The researcher scored each shot from the slow-motion video by recording each step in the task analysis as correct or incorrect, dividing the number of correct steps by the total number of steps, and multiplying by 100% for the percentage of correct steps. The researcher also scored the number of shots attempted and number of goals scored in the empty net or through cones set up as a goal. During data collection the camera was held so that it was facing the front of the participants.

## **Interobserver Agreement**

Interobserver agreement was calculated for 33% of assessment videos. A second observer was trained on each task analysis before viewing the assessment videos. This training consisted of the second observer scoring sample videos that consisted of examples and non-examples of

each shot performed by the researcher. Prior to viewing the sample videos the second observer was given descriptions about each shot, as well as YouTube videos of the shots being performed by Olympic level players. Once the second observer had watched the YouTube videos and scored the sample videos, scores were sent to the first observer to calculate IOA on the sample videos. After the first training session, IOA was below 80% so an in-person training was conducted which consisted of the researcher modeling the steps of each task analysis in person for the second observer. The second observer was then given an opportunity to score the sample videos again. Results after the booster training indicated that IOA of the sample videos was between 88-91%, in which the decision to being IOA on assessment videos was made.

The researcher and second observer scored the assessment videos independent of each other. IOA was calculated by dividing the number of steps of agreement between the two observers by the number of steps in the task analysis of each hit. An agreement was recorded when both observers scored a step as correct or both scored a step as incorrect.

For Player 1, IOA was 81% (range 69-91%) overall with 82% for slap shot, 85% for drive, and 76% for sweep. For Player 2, IOA was 88% (range 69-97%) overall with 86% for slap shot, 88% for drive, and 90% for sweep. For Player 3, IOA was 82% (range 66-94%) overall with 84% for slap shot, 86% for drive, and 77% for sweep.

### **Treatment Integrity**

The researcher was recorded during intervention to ensure correct implementation. A research assistant viewed the videos of the researcher during implementation and scored the number of steps correctly implemented. Scoring consisted of dividing the number of steps executed correctly by the total number of steps on the researcher's checklist for all training videos. The results showed 100% treatment integrity for 33% of intervention videos.

## **Social Validity**

To measure social validity, a questionnaire was given to each player prior to data collection (see Appendix E). The questionnaire consisted of a Likert scale ranging from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree) to score how each player felt about the accuracy of her shots prior to training. Once each player completed training she completed a post-training questionnaire that also consisted of a Likert scale ranging from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree) to score how effective and useful the players found the intervention to be in improving their hits (see Appendix F). The players also had an opportunity to leave additional comments for the researcher on the bottom of the form.

Pre and post treatment videos were shown to expert coaches who were blind to the study. Each coach received two videos per player, consisting of their last video of baseline and their last video of intervention. The expert coaches were not aware of which videos were pre-treatment or post-treatment. The coaches were given a scoring form consisting of a 10-point scale (from completely incorrect to completely correct execution), to evaluate the videos (see Appendix G).

## **Experimental Design and Procedures**

A multiple baseline across behaviors design was used to evaluate the effect of behavioral skills training on improving field hockey skills.

**Baseline.** Baseline data were collected during assessments for all participants until stable responding below 60% occurred. No feedback was provided during baseline assessments.

**Behavioral Skills Training.** Intervention was presented for one target behavior at a time for each participant and was staggered across target behaviors. Once a player had a consistent increase in one target behavior, implementation for the next target behavior (and then the third target behavior) occurred. First, the researcher described to the player of how each step of the

task analyses should look. The researcher then used the task analysis to illustrate each step. After describing the steps of the task analysis, the researcher modeled each step in order to show the player how each step of the targeted hit should look. While modeling the behavior, the researcher described each step in the task analysis as it occurred. Once the researcher explained and modeled the task analysis steps for the targeted hit, the player was given the opportunity to complete the steps. Feedback was given to the player after she attempted the shot. The researcher used descriptive feedback to describe the steps the player performed correctly and described which steps she needed to improve from the task analysis and how to improve the steps.

Training sessions ranged from 15 to 30 minutes each week. Once players were demonstrating 100% scores from the task analysis steps in a training session, the training session ended. The researcher then conducted three assessments of each target behavior after training. No feedback was provided during assessment videos. In the following practice sessions the researcher implemented another BST session as described above. The process was repeated until an immediate and stable effect occurred for the targeted behavior. Intervention was then implemented for the second target behavior and then the third target behavior in the same fashion.

## RESULTS

Figure 1 displays results for Player 1 in baseline and after implementation of BST for her slap shot, sweep, and drive. In baseline for all shots, scores were consistently below 60%, averaging at 44% of correct steps executed for slap shot, 32% for sweep, and 47% for drive. When BST was implemented an immediate increase in the percentage of steps performed correctly occurred for all shots with scores averaging at 87.3% for slap shot, 86% for sweep, and 94.4% for drive by the end of intervention. Figure 2 displays results for Player 2. In baseline for all shots, scores were consistently below 40%, averaging at 30% for slap shot, 25% for drive, and 17% for sweep. An immediate effect occurred across shots once BST was implemented, increasing the percentage of steps executed correctly to 91% for slap shot, and 69% for drive by the end of intervention. Figure 3 displays results for Player 3. Baseline scores for her drive remained consistent at 55%, while scores for her slap shot and sweep averaged at 49% at the end of baseline. After BST was implemented, 87% of steps were performed correctly for drive, 97% of steps for slap shot, and 83% of steps for sweep.

The results for percentage of goals made for each shot during baseline and intervention showed that player 1 scored an average of 50% during baseline and 67% during intervention for her slap shot, 22% during baseline and 67% during intervention for her sweep, and 20% during baseline and 42% during intervention for her drive. Player 2 did not score during baseline for any of the three shots. For her slap shot she scored an average of 25% and for her drive she scored an average of 11% during intervention. Player 3 scored an average of 50% during baseline and 53%

during intervention for her slap shot, 17% during baseline and 42% during intervention for her sweep, and 50% during baseline and 33% during intervention for her drive.

Social validity pre-training questionnaire results from Player 1 indicated that she felt neutral in regards to the accuracy of her slap shot, did not feel as though her drive or sweep were accurate, was not confident in her slap shot or sweep, but was confident in her drive. Player 2's pre-training questionnaire indicated that she did not feel as though any of her shots were accurate, and she was not confident about any of her shots. Player 3's pre-training questionnaire indicated that she did not feel as though her slap or sweep were accurate and did not feel confident about either shot, but that she was confident about her drive and that she felt as though it was accurate.

Social validity results showed Players 1 and 3 both reported that they felt as though their shot accuracy had improved, and that they were more confident in all of their shots. Player 1 scored a 4.9, indicating that she strongly agreed on all statements other than her slap shot improvement. Player 1 also stated that she enjoyed receiving the training. Player 3 scored a 5 on all statements and felt strongly that all of her shots had improved, along with accuracy. She also stated that she enjoyed the training sessions and having the opportunity to continue to play field hockey. Player 2 did not report any post-intervention questionnaire responses.

Expert coaches, blind to the study, scored pre-training and post-training videos of each shot for each player. The researcher then reviewed these forms to determine if the raters noticed an improvement pre-treatment to post-treatment. Results from the expert coaches rating forms showed higher scores for post-training videos than pre-training videos, indicating that there was a noticeable improvement in shot performance for each player.

## **DISCUSSION**

This study evaluated the effectiveness of BST to increase shot performance for young field hockey players. The results of this study showed an increase in the percentage of steps performed correctly across all shots for each participant. These results suggest that BST is an effective teaching method in a novel sports setting for improving different skills consisting of a slap shot, drive, and sweep. Using an effective procedure to teach proper shot techniques to young athletes is vital to improving shots on goal and has potential to increase number of goals scored. In this study, BST was implemented on an individual basis, however it could be effective in a group setting. Research should evaluate the use of BST with groups of athletes as intervention with groups would be more efficient. Research should also evaluate the use of BST with advanced level players to see if they would derive benefit from the intervention in the same manner the novice players benefitted. Finally, research should evaluate strategies for teaching coaches to implement BST. Teaching coaches how to properly implement BST will make this teaching method more accessible to players to learn proper shot techniques and potentially lead to improvements of shots and goals scored.

The current study is the second to evaluate BST in a sports setting and the first to evaluate the use of behavioral strategies to the sport of field hockey. The results are similar to those reported by Tai and Miltenberger (in press) who showed that BST increased correct tackling skills with youth football players. Although behavioral interventions have been applied to similar sports that involve correct form while taking shots with an implement (e.g., hockey

stick, golf club) such as performance posting and goal setting techniques in ice hockey (Anderson et al., 1998) and the use of TAGteach to teach golf swings (Fogel et al., 2010), this is the first study evaluating behavioral procedures for improving shots in field hockey. It shows the effectiveness of BST that involves the systematic sequence of providing instructions, modeling, rehearsal and feedback. Immediate improvements in shot performance were seen once BST was implemented across all shots for each player. Although there were not consistent perfect scores across players or shots, all players were performing the steps at greatly improved levels by the end of training. All players were consistently missing similar steps focusing on their backswing and follow through. For Player 3 specifically, her backswing and follow through for her drive may have been affected by a history of practicing golf outside of field hockey. Although a golf drive is similar to a drive in field hockey, there are differences between the two such that a golf swing requires greater backswing and greater follow through with the golf club. This greater backswing and follow-through are not appropriate in a field hockey drive and it has been suggested that the follow-through of a drive can impact ball direction and speed, which may lead to injuries (Brétigny, Seifert, Leroy, & Chollet, 2008; Kerr & Ness, 2006).

Although the results show large increases in the percentage of correct steps in each shot for each participant when BST was implemented, the increases in percentage of shots in goal (shot accuracy) were more modest. This finding may suggest that improvements in shot form may need to be practiced more extensively with the natural reinforcement that comes from making goals for the improvements to result in large improvements in shot accuracy. Additionally, it was noted that for each player the speed and power of their shots showed a noticeable increase throughout the intervention phase.

One limitation in this study was the variety or quality of grass that the participants experienced. Although artificial turf is the preferred surface to play on, there were no public parks with turf available to use. Players 1 and 2 experienced several different grass surfaces ranging from thick grass to patchy areas with dirt, but once locations that were convenient and had smooth flat grass were located, sessions were held at these locations. Player 3 had all sessions at the same sports complex playing on the same grass each time, which could have played a role in the consistency of her scores.

Another limitation of this study was that the task analyses did not take into account the differences between performing the skills stationary versus at game speed. Breaking down each step according to game-like situations may have led to some differences in the task analyses and the players' ability to perform skills accurately in a game. A third limitation of this study was that the region where the study took place does not have a large field hockey community, which may have impacted the number of participants recruited and quality of the public fields available for practice. This also may have had an impact on interobserver agreement for the skills performed as research assistants and other researchers in the region are not familiar with the sport and the skills being targeted. Although each shot was broken down into simple steps and the observers were trained to discriminate each step when collecting data, individuals with field hockey experience may have viewed the accuracy of steps performed differently than individuals with no field hockey experience.

The results of this study support the application of BST as an effective coaching strategy to teach the correct form of three types of shots to young field hockey players. In this study, BST was implemented with individual students, and thus is not a strategy a coach could easily use when the coach is responsible for the entire team. However, if assistant coaches are present at

practice, assistant coaches could pull out players and conduct individual BST for 5 or 10 min and rotate among players. Alternatively the coach could implement the instructions and modeling components of BST with the group and then have individual players rehearse with the other players observing and providing feedback. In this model, the players could be given the opportunity for rehearsal on a rotating basis. In still another option, players could pair up and provide BST with each other. This peer-implemented BST could be facilitated with written task analyses (checklists) to be used for scoring the performance, video clips to train the peers to conduct BST, or pyramidal training in which the coach teaches some players who teach other players. Researchers should investigate these strategies for making BST more accessible and thus more widely used to promote a variety of skills in a variety in sports' settings.

It is also important for researchers to evaluate the social validity of these versions of BST to coaches who would implement them in a variety of sports. Coaches may be more likely to use interventions they find acceptable, they believe will be effective, and they do not think take too much effort or time away from their practices. Research should not only evaluate social validity, but also evaluate ways to make BST more socially valid to enhance the likelihood it will be adopted by coaches in a variety of sports.

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## TABLES AND FIGURES

Table 1

### Post-Training Questionnaire Results

Item	Player 1	Player 2	Player 3
Slap shot has improved	4		5
Drive has improved	5		5
Sweep has improved	5		5
Slap shot is more accurate	5		5
Drive is more accurate	5		5
Sweep is more accurate	5		5
More confident in my slap shot	5		5
More confident in my drive	5		5
More confident in my sweep	5		5
I enjoyed training	5		5
Training would benefit others	5		5

Note: Scale is 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree)

Table 2

Expert Coaches Scores

	<u>Player 1</u>		<u>Player 2</u>		<u>Player 3</u>	
	BL	BST	BL	BST	BL	BST
Slap	4	7	2		6	7
Drive	4	6	3		6	7
Sweep	5	7			5	7

Note: Scale is 1 (completely incorrect) – 10 (completely correct)

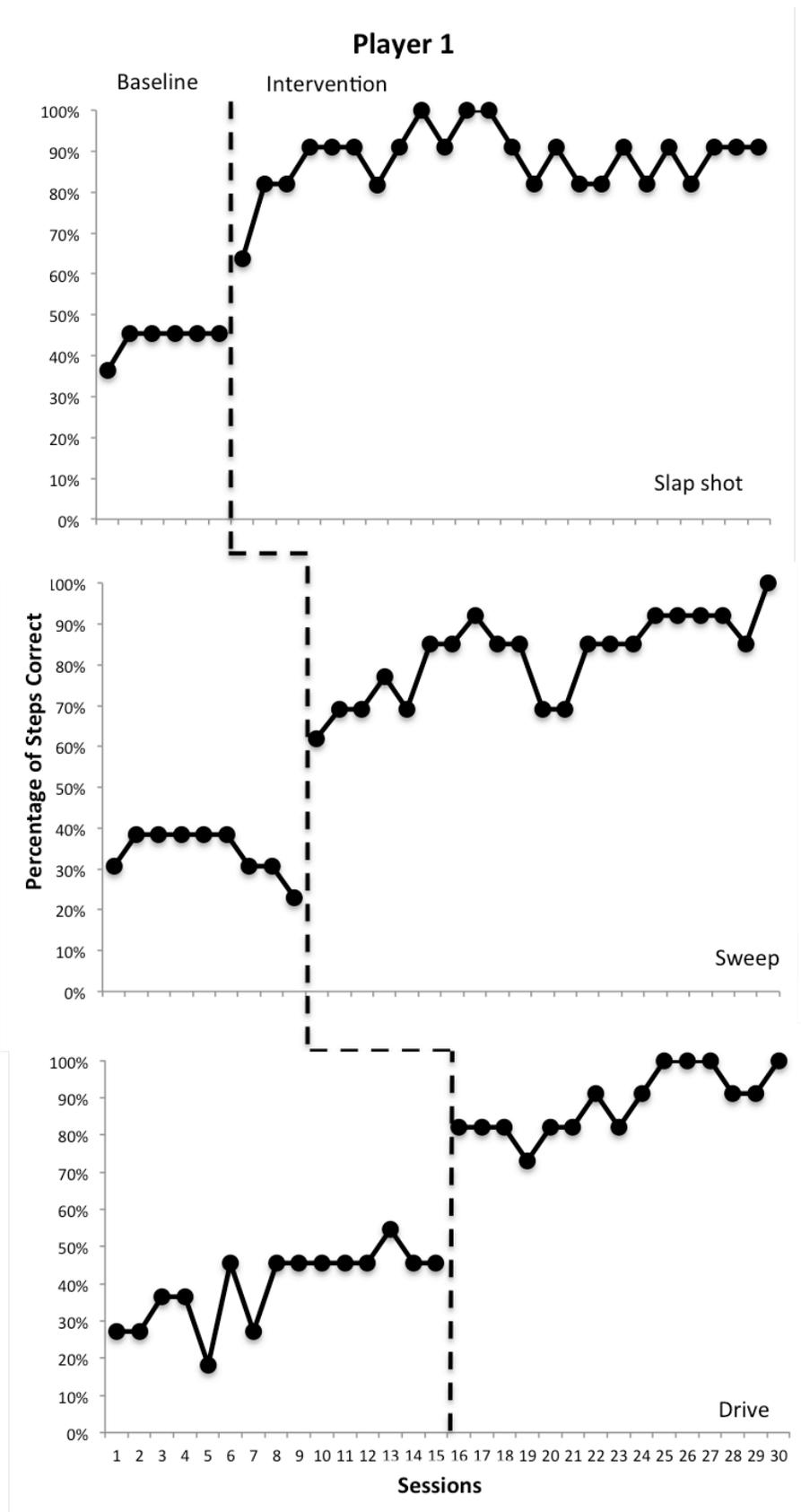


Figure 1. Results for Player 1’s slap shot, sweep, and drive during baseline and intervention.

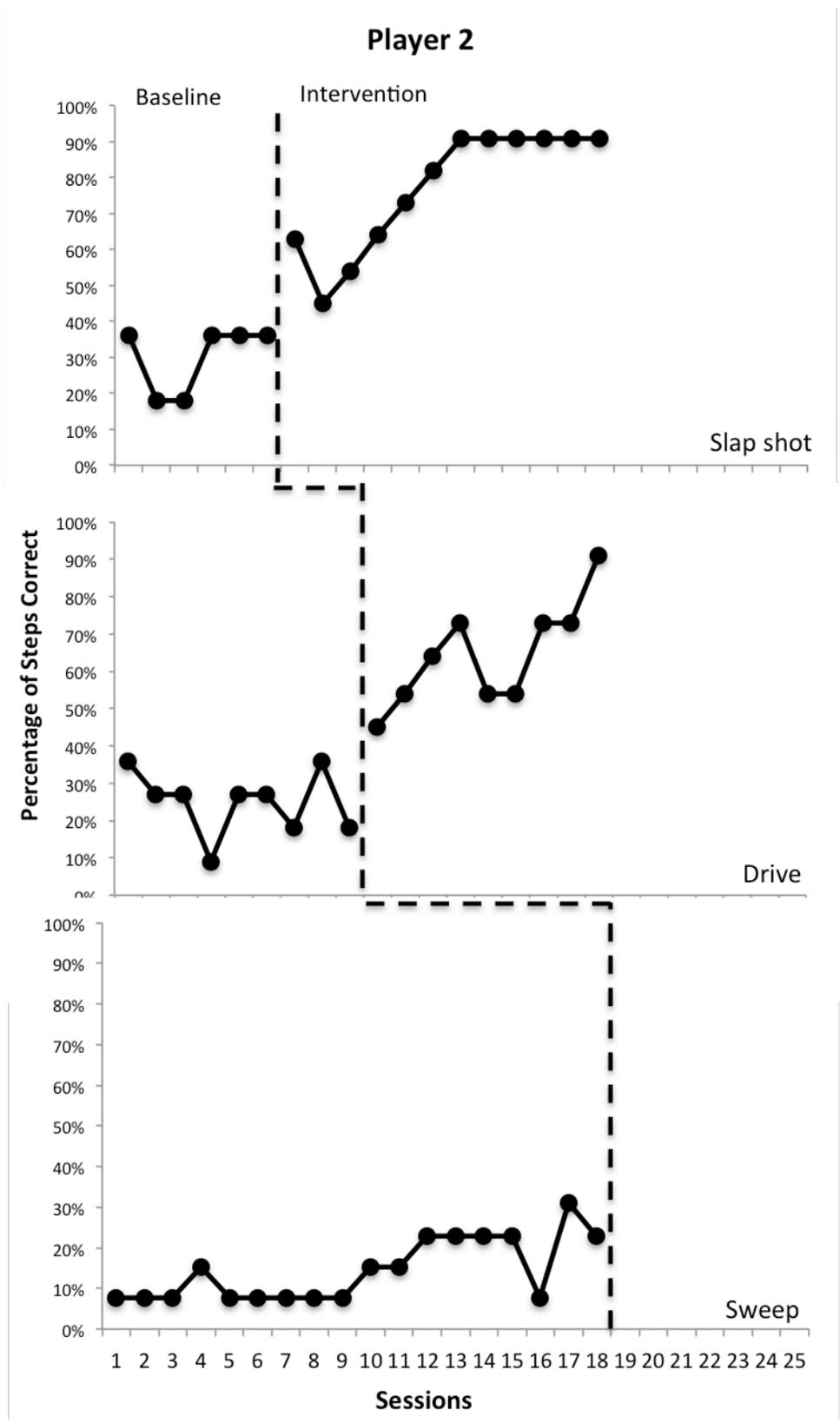


Figure 2. Results for Player 2's slap shot, drive, and sweep during baseline and intervention.

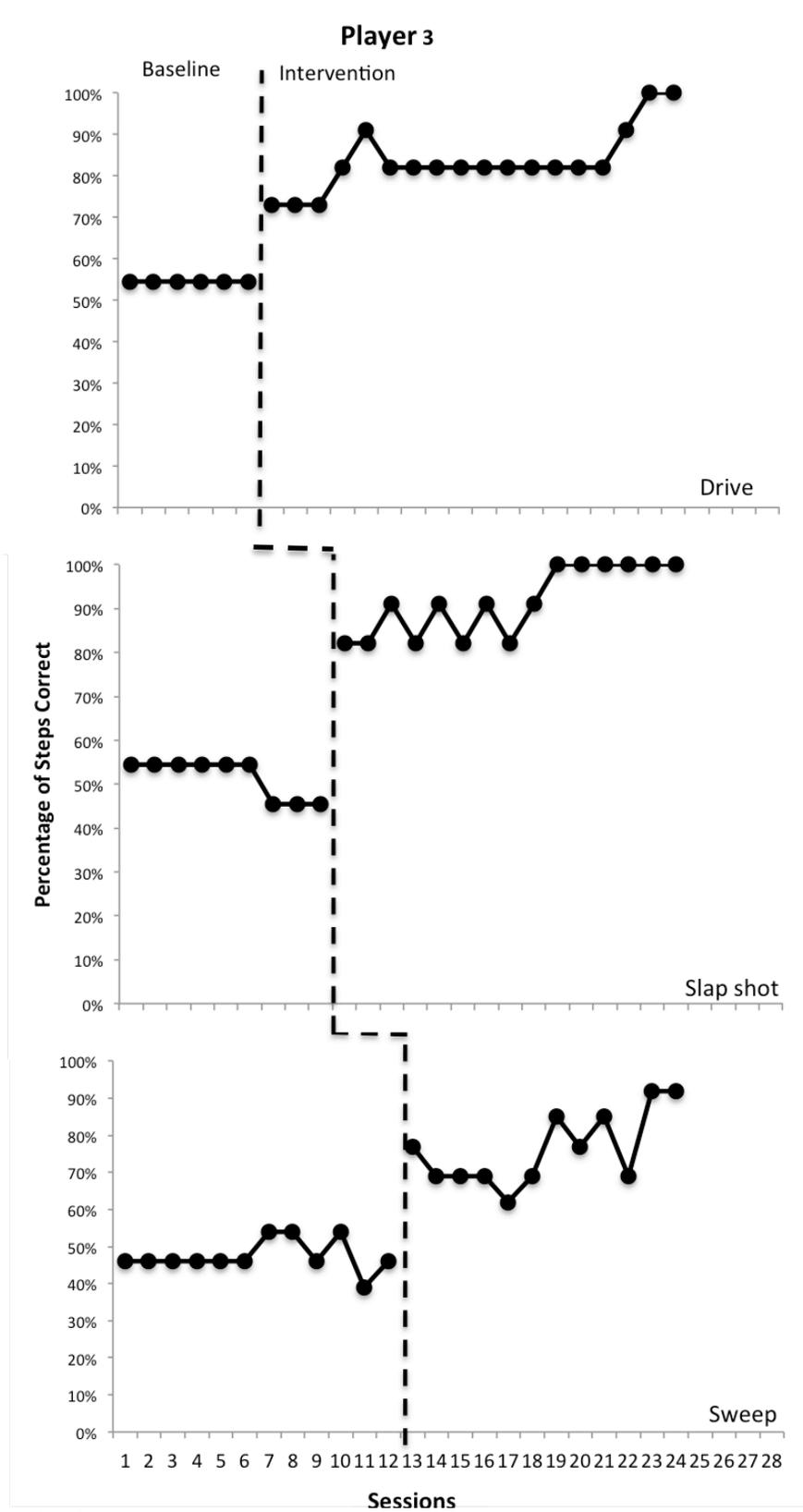


Figure 3. Results for Player 3's drive, slap shot, and sweep during baseline and intervention.

## APPENDICES

### Appendix A

#### 11 Step Task Analysis for Slap Shot

	Steps	Description
Starting Position	1. Feet 2. Knees bent 3. Right Hand 4. Left hand 5. Stick back 6. Step	Feet together Knees bent in a half-squat position Place in the middle of the stick Place at the top of the stick grip Move stick backwards parallel with the hip Step laterally with left foot towards target, opening the hips
Contact	7. Contact 8. Post contact 9. Follow through	Bring stick forward quickly as you step, making contact with the bottom of the ball After contact is made with ball continue forward motion with stick Stop with stick at shoulder height and pointing in the direction of the target
Finish	10. Support 11. Ball distance	Open hips in direction of hit, moving right leg forward to begin running towards play Contact with ball was strong enough to send ball over the end line (at least 15 yards)

Appendix B

11 Step Task Analysis for Drive

	Steps	Description
Starting Position	1. Feet	Feet together
	2. Knees bent	Knees bent in a half-squat position
	3. Hands	Place both hands together at the top of the grip on the stick
	4. Stick back	Swing stick back until parallel with shoulder height
	5. Step	Step laterally with left foot towards target, opening the hips
	6. Head	Keep head down, keeping eye on the ball through contact
Contact	7. Contact	Bring stick forward quickly as you step, making contact with the bottom of the ball
	8. Post Contact	After contact is made with ball continue forward motion with stick
	9. Follow through	Stop with stick at shoulder height and pointing in the direction of the target
Finish	10. Support	Open hips in direction of hit, moving right leg forward to begin running towards play
	11. Ball distance	Contact with ball was strong enough to send ball over the end line (at least 15 yards)

Appendix C

13 Step Task Analysis for Forward Sweep

	Steps	Description
Starting Position	1. Feet	Feet together
	2. Knees bent	Knees bent in a full-squat position
	3. Hands	Place both hands together at the top of the grip on the stick
	4. Lunge	Lunge forward toward ball with left leg
	5. Stick	Place stick parallel on the ground with knuckles touching the turf
	6. Line up	Have stick in line with right leg
Contact	7. Sweep	Forcefully sweep stick forward along the turf
	8. Whip	Whip upper body around from right to left as stick is sweeping on the turf
	9. Contact	Make contact with the ball
Finish	10. Follow through	After contact is made with ball continue forward motion with stick along turf
	11. Follow Through	Stop with stick still on turf after making a semi-circle on the ground with stick
	12. Support	Push off of left foot to propel forward and run towards the direct of play
	13. Ball distance	Contact with ball was strong enough to send ball over the end line (at least 15 yards)

Appendix D

Treatment Integrity Checklist

Steps	Description	Yes or No
Instructions	1.) Researcher describes each of the steps from the task analysis to the player.	Y/N
Modeling	2.) Researcher accurately models each step slowly while describing the steps from the task analysis. 3.) Researcher accurately models each step at game speed according to the task analysis.	Y/N Y/N
Rehearsal	4.) Researcher gives player opportunity to rehearse each step of the task analysis.	Y/N
Feedback	5.) Researcher reviews what player did correctly. 6.) Researcher describes what steps the player needs to work on.	Y/N Y/N

Appendix E

Social Validity Pre-Intervention Questionnaire

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1.) I feel that my slap shot is accurate.	1	2	3	4	5
2.) I feel that my drive is accurate.	1	2	3	4	5
3.) I feel that my forward sweep is accurate.	1	2	3	4	5
4.) I am confident in my slap shot	1	2	3	4	5
5.) I am confident in my drive.	1	2	3	4	5
6.) I am confident in my forward sweep.	1	2	3	4	5

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Appendix F

#### Post-Training Social Validity Questionnaire

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1.) After this training, I feel that my slap shot has improved.	1	2	3	4	5
2.) After this training, I feel that my drive has improved.	1	2	3	4	5
3.) After this training I feel that my forward sweep has improved.	1	2	3	4	5
4.) After this training, I feel that my slap shot is more accurate.	1	2	3	4	5
5.) After this training, I feel that my drive is more accurate.	1	2	3	4	5
6.) After this training, I feel that my forward sweep is more accurate.	1	2	3	4	5
7.) After this training, I am more confident in my slap shot.	1	2	3	4	5
8.) After this training, I am more confident in my drive.	1	2	3	4	5
9.) After this training, I am more confident in my forward sweep.	1	2	3	4	5
10.) I enjoyed receiving this training.	1	2	3	4	5
11.) I feel that this training could be beneficial to others.	1	2	3	4	5

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Appendix G

Expert Coaches Scoring Form

*The intent of this evaluation is to get your opinion on how well this individual performs this skill.*

*Please rate how you feel the quality of this skill is being performed.*

How well was the shot executed?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Completely									Completely
Incorrect									Correct

Please elaborate on your reasoning for the score you have given for each video:

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